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vintage crochet

The year 1959 ushered in the birth of Barbie, beatniks, hourglass silhouettes and the Chanel suit. Homemakers everywhere redecorated their living rooms in Danish modern design and decked out their kitchens in pastel colors and "state of the art" appliances.

Contented domesticity was the image of the day, and women's magazines frequently featured such crochet patterns as ladylike lace gloves and picture-perfect home décor items.

Our "before" bedspread, originally published in 1959 (see photo on previous page), took this mindset to heart, featuring a garden of delicate thread roses in a sweet, old-fashioned design.

Fast forward some fifty years and our garden blooms anew. To get this more modern look, we took a single square from this pattern and reworked it using two strands of vibrant yarn.

The result? A throw pillow that's at once thoroughly modern and vintage-chic.

—*Amy O'Neill Houck*

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
12"/30.5cm square

gauge
Rounds 1-3 on back = 4½"/11.5cm square
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With 2 strands of yarn held together, ch 5. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Work Rounds 1 through 3 of Back instructions. Swatch should measure 4½"/11cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notes
1 Use two strands of yarn held together throughout.

2 Pillow can be made in choice of colors for flower, leaves and background. Throughout pattern, A refers to your color choice for flower, B refers to leaves around flower and C refers to background on front and back.

FRONT
Starting in center with A, ch 6. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2 sp), (dc in ring, ch 2) 7 times – 8 dc and 8 ch-2 sps. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Round 2 *Work (sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-2 sp (petal made); repeat from * around – 8 petals. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 3 Ch 4; *sc between next 2 petals, ch 4; repeat from * around – 7 sc and 8 ch-4 sps. Join with sl st in joining sl st.

Round 4 *Work (sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp (petal made); repeat from * around – 8 petals. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 5 Repeat Round 3.

Round 6 *Work (sc, hdc, 7 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp (petal made); repeat from * around – 8 petals. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 7 Repeat Round 3.

Round 8 *Work (sc, hdc, dc, 7 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp (petal made); repeat from * around – 8 petals. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A.

Round 9 Join B with sl st in center tr on any petal, ch 1, sc in same tr; *ch 7, [(tr cl, ch 4) twice, tr cl] in center tr on next petal, ch 7**; sc in center tr on next petal; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at ** – 12 tr cl, 4 sc, 8 ch-7 sps and 8 ch-4

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Round 10 Join C with sl st in center tr cl of any 3 tr cl group, ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), 2 dc in same st; *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, [(ch 1, 3 dc) two times in next ch-7 sp] two times, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1**; (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next tr cl; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at **; 3 dc in next tr cl; ch 1, join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-3 sp) – 96 dc, 4 ch-3 sps and 28 ch-1 sps.

Rounds 11-13 Ch 3, 2 dc around post of joining hdc; *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across to next ch-3 sp**; ch 1, work (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in ch-3 sp; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at **; ch 1, 3 dc in last ch-sp; ch 1, join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-3 sp) – 108 dc, 4 ch-3 sps and 32 ch-1 sps at end of round 11. At end of round 13 – 132 dc, 4 ch-3 sps and 40 ch-1 sps. Fasten off at end of round 13.

BACK

With C, ch 5. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), 2 dc in ring, (ch 3, 3 dc in ring) 3 times; ch 1, join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-3 sp now and throughout) – 12 dc and 4 ch-3 sps.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, dc in same ch as joining and in next 2 dc; *(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from * 2 times more; 2 dc in next ch-1 sp; ch 1, join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 – 28 dc and 4 ch-3 sps.

Rounds 3-8 Ch 3, dc around post of joining hdc, dc in same ch as joining and in each dc across to next ch-3 sp; *(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp, dc in each dc across to next ch-3 sp; repeat from * 2 times more, ending final repeat at **; 2 dc in next ch-1 sp; ch 1, join with hdc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 – 44 dc and 4 ch-3 sps at end of round 3. At end of round 8 – 124 dc and 4 ch-3 sps.
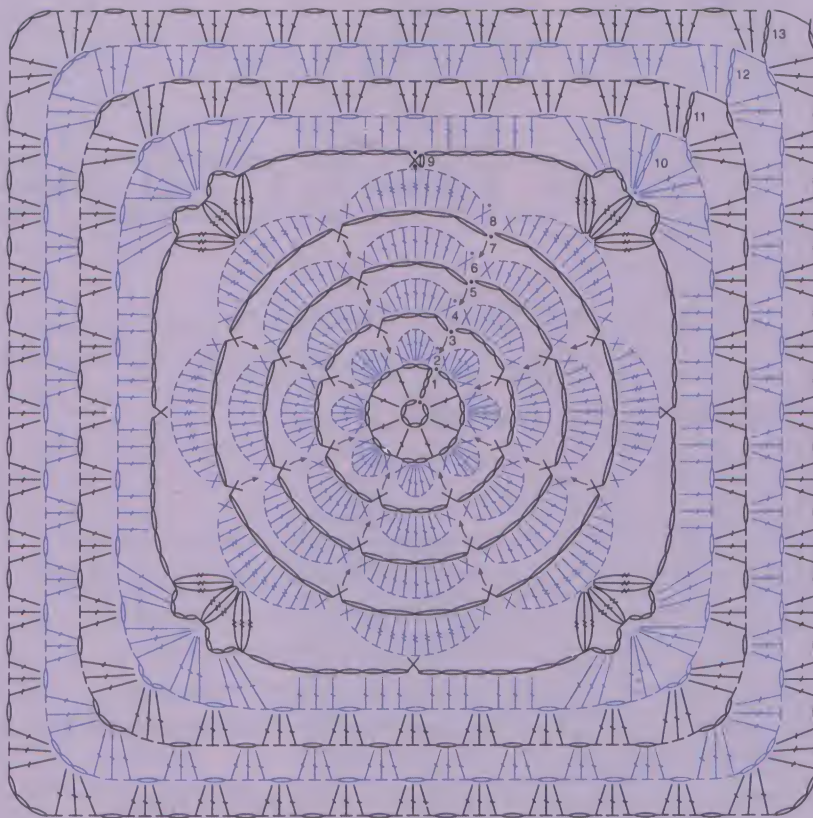
Round 9 Ch 3, 2 dc around post of joining hdc; *(ch 1, sk next 3 dc, 3 dc in next dc) two times; (ch 1, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc) 7 times; ch 1**; (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at **; 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 – 132 dc, 4 ch-3 sps and 40 ch-1 sps. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.
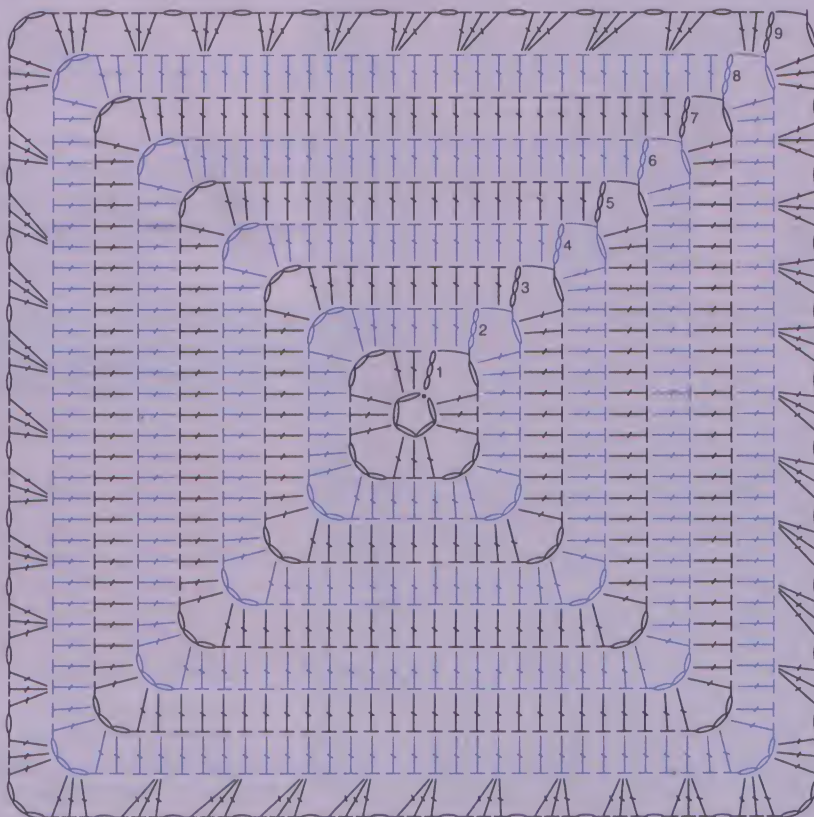
finishing

Align two 13"/33cm pieces of fabric with right sides together. With sewing needle and thread, sew seam around 3 edges of fabric with ½" /1.25cm seam allowance. Turn fabric to right side. Insert pillow form and stitch last edge of fabric with ½"/1.25cm seam allowance.

Weave in all ends on front and back pieces.

With wrong sides of front and back together, whipstitch edges together, inserting pillow before joining last edge. Weave in ends. ■

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learn to make
crochet cables

Once you understand the basics, it's easy to make gorgeous cabled sweaters, afghans and more.

By Darla Sims

Want to add a little twist to your stitches? Anyone who has mastered the basics of crochet can easily learn to work crochet cables. Sure, they look intricate and impressive, but they're not difficult once you understand the techniques. And we guarantee you'll be delighted with the results, producing crochet projects that are multi-dimensional, visually interesting and texturally pleasing.

Here, we show you step-by-step how to make a basic 3-stitch cable. Follow along with our photos as you stitch to be sure you're on track. Once you've mastered this stitch pattern, you'll be ready to make our Cabled Scarf on page 68 or even our Sampler Afghan on page 52.

The Basics
The foundation of crochet cables is a special kind of crochet stitch called a "post stitch." A post stitch is simply a crochet stitch worked around the post, or vertical segment, of another stitch on a previous row, to create a raised stitch. (See page 21 for more information about post stitches). To create a cabled effect, post stitches are worked in such a way that they twist or slant.

Seeing Your Stitches
In crochet, stitches are staggered row by row, so they do not line up directly above one another. For this reason, it can be tricky for beginners to know which stitch to work into when working post stitches and cables. If a pattern tells you to work into the next stitch two rows below, work the stitch that's slightly to the left. In this swatch of half double crochet, we've indicated where that stitch is located.
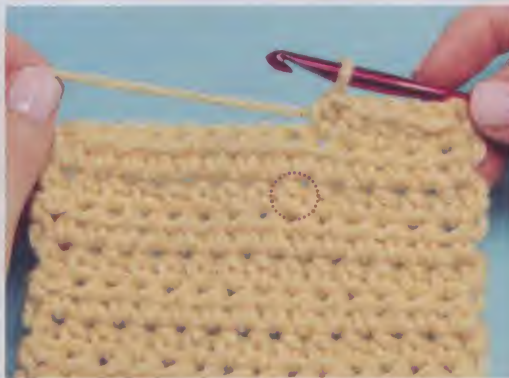
Remember to Count
Counting stitches is especially important when working cables, since it can be easy for beginners to get off track. To avoid using the frog stitch ("rip-it, rip-it"), take a moment at the end of each row to count the total number of stitches you've worked. If it's off, pull out the row and try again.

Getting Started
This 3-post cable stitch is an easy way to learn the techniques used in creating both post stitches and cables. Use the photos and step-by-steps as a guideline as you practice the stitch pattern below.

3-post cable stitch pattern
Refer to master abbreviations list on page 102.

Ch 10. Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—9 hdc. Ch 2, turn.
Row 1 and all odd rows Hdc in each st across. Ch 2, turn.
Row 2 Hdc in next 3 sts; (FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below) 3 times; hdc in next 3 sts. Ch 2, turn.
Row 4 Hdc in next 3 sts; sk 1st FPdc below, FPdc around next 2 FPdc, working in front of previous 2 FPdc, FPdc around skipped FPdc; hdc in next 3 sts. Ch 2, turn.
Row 6 Hdc in next 3 sts; FPdc around next 3 FPdc below; hdc in next 3 sts. Ch 2, turn.
Repeat Rows 3-6 for pattern.

Foundation row and Row 1: A foundation of at least 1–2 rows is required before you can begin creating cables. In this instance, two rows of hdc are worked before cabling begins.

Row 2: We are now ready to work the first post stitches. Since they are to be worked into the next hdc stitch two rows below, we will be working into the stitch indicated in the photo above.

To work the post stitch (front post double crochet, or FPdc), yarn over and insert the hook from right to left around the stitch indicated. This means the hook will go from the front to the back of the fabric, then through to the front again. After this, yarn over and complete the stitch as usual. When making post stitches, be sure to pull the loop up to the level of the row you are currently working, to avoid distortion or pulling in the stitches.

Here, 3 FPdc stitches have been worked two rows below.

When it's time to work the next non-post stitch, you will return to working into the stitches of the current row. It is important to work into the right spot in order to keep the pattern correct. To do this, skip one stitch on the current row for each post stitch you worked. Here, we worked three post stitches, so three stitches must be skipped before working the next stitch. (Top view of swatch is shown here).

TIP Don't be discouraged if you find it difficult to determine where to place your stitches. The first row is tricky, but after that it becomes much easier, since the pattern is established and you can follow your stitches from the previous row.

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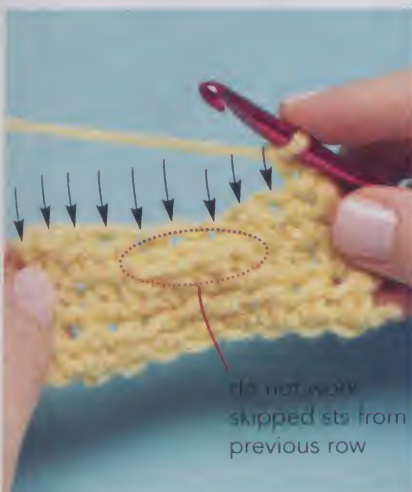
All wrong-side rows: When making cables, the wrong-side rows (in this case, all odd-numbered rows) are usually worked straight across in a basic stitch—cables are usually added on right-side rows only. In this case, every wrong-side row is hdc only. When working wrong-side rows, take extra care to work into the correct stitches. Post and cable stitches can look distorted and can be a little tricky to differentiate. Also, remember never to work into the skipped stitches from the previous row; instead, work into the top of the post stitches. Here, one hdc will be worked into each stitch indicated.
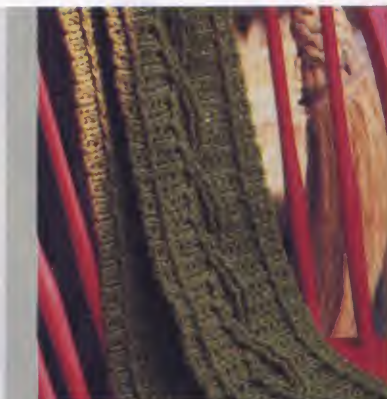
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Row 4: The next row of post stitches will be worked around the posts of the previous FPdcs. In this row, the first cable twist occurs. To do this, skip the first FPdc, and work around the post of the second FPdc two rows below (indicated in photo above).

Once you understand the basics of crochet cables, give one of these cabled projects from this issue a try (Clockwise from top left): Starter Scarf (page 58), Fisherman Sweater (page 64) and Sampler Afghan (page 52).

Work around the post of an existing post stitch by inserting the hook from right to left around the post, then completing the stitch normally.

Simply move your hook back to the indicated spot and work the FPdc stitch as you normally would. It may seem as if your fabric is pulling or twisting, but that is normal.

Row 6: In this row, work a post stitch into each previous post stitch. It can be tricky to identify the previous post stitches because they will be twisted, but take your time and you will locate them.

Now you know how to create a basic cable! All cables are a variation on this concept of creating post stitches and periodically twisting them. As you explore more cabled patterns, you will see that there are lots of variations on this interesting stitch. Cables can be worked so that they slant left or right, or so that they form a variety of different shapes. Have fun exploring this interesting and versatile technique.

Here, two FPdc stitches have been worked, and it is time to create the first cable twist by working back into the skipped FPdc.

Again, skip 3 stitches on the current row before working the next hdc.

Darla Sims has published more than 3000 crochet and knit designs. She is the author of 63 Cable Stitches to Crochet (Leisure Arts, 2004).

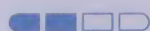# winter throw

what you'll need

the yarn

■4 *TLC Heathers* in Light Denim

■6 *Bijou* in Diamond

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
Approx 47"/119.5cm wide x 61"/155cm long

gauge
14 sc and 12 rows = 4"/10cm square using size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With A, ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across - 14 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; working in front lps only, sc in each sc across.

Repeat Row 2 ten more times for a total of 12 rows. Resulting gauge swatch should be approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

special techniques
Surface sl st (surface slip stitch) Make a slip-knot, but do not place it on hook. Hold slipknot on wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from right side of fabric through to wrong side. Place slipknot on hook, draw lp to right side. Insert hook from right side to wrong side through desired stitch or space, yarn over, draw lp to right side and through look on hook (surface slip stitch made). To end a line of surface slip stitches, draw up a lp on the right side of fabric. Remove hook from lp and insert hook from wrong side to right side of fabric, then draw lp through to wrong side. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Draw tail through final lp and pull tight.

French knot Thread yarn on yarn needle, insert needle from wrong side to right side of fabric, and draw yarn through. Wrap yarn around the needle 2-3 times, and push needle back down from right side to wrong side near the point where it came up.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch   chain
dc   double crochet
lp(s)   loop(s)
sc   single crochet
sl st   slip stitch
st(s)   stitch(es)
tr   treble crochet

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

THROW
With A, ch 153.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in back hump of 2nd ch from hook and each ch across - 152 sc.

Rows 2-173 Ch 1, turn; working in front lps only, sc in each sc across.

Do not fasten off and do not turn.

edging
Round 1 Pivot afghan to work along left side; working in ends of rows, sc in end of each row along side - 173 sc; sc once more in end of last row; pivot work to work along bottom; working in free lps of beginning ch, sc in each free lp across bottom - 152 sc; sc once more in last free lp; pivot afghan to work along right side; working in ends of rows, sc in end of each row along side - 173 sc; sc once more in end of last row; pivot work to work along top, sc in each sc across top - 152 sc; sc once more in last st worked; join with sl st in first sc - 654 sc. Do not fasten off.

Round 2 Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), tr in next 172 sc, 5 tr in next sc, tr in next 152 sc, 5 tr in next sc, tr in next 173 sc, 5 tr in next sc, tr in next 152 sc, 5 tr in next sc, tr in next sc; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-4 - 670 sts. Fasten off.

Join B in middle tr of 5-tr group in upper left corner of project.

Round 3 3 sc in same st as join, sc in next 177 tr, 3 sc in next tr, sc in next 156 tr, 3 sc in next tr, sc in next 177 tr, 3 sc in next tr, sc in next 156 tr; join with sl st in first sc - 678 sts. Fasten off.

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tip

Use leftover yarn to make a matching pillow. Simply make two smaller squares by chaining fewer stitches, then add snowflakes.

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Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions

hexagon snowflake (make 18)

With B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc - 6 sc.

Round 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and through-out) 2 dc in same sc, *ch 3, 3 dc in next sc; repeat from * 4 more times, ch 3; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 - 18 dc and 6 ch-3 lps. Fasten off.

finishing

Select locations for snowflakes. Snowflakes should be placed randomly on the right side of the throw. First attach and complete the hexagon snowflakes, then fill in with star snowflakes.

attach each hexagon snowflake Hold snowflake in desired location. With B, work surface slip stitches through both thicknesses, snowflake and throw, working one surface slip stitch in the top of each dc and in each ch around the outer edge of the snowflake - 36 surface sl st.

complete each hexagon snowflake Create surface sl st spokes on hexagon snowflake extending from each ch-3 corner of the snowflake. Work 2 shorter parallel surface sl st lines crossing the end of each spoke.

star snowflakes Complete the throw by work-ing any number of star snowflakes randomly placed about the right side of the throw. With B, make three crossing surface sl st spokes of varying length to form snowflake. Place three French knots between alternating spokes.
Weave in all ends. ■
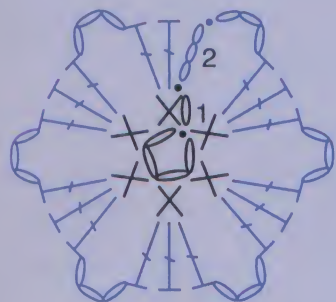
hexagon snowflake

Simple surface slip stitches form the arms of the snowflake and attach the center motif of each flake to the body of the afghan. See page 40 for a demonstration of surface slip stitch.

relaxed cardi

A simple rectangle shape is the foundation of this sophisticated wrap, making it surprisingly easy to stitch!

Designed by Susan Haviland

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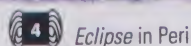
SKILL LEVEL: easy

sizes
Finished bust measurements: 32-34 (36-38, 40-42)"/81.5-86.5 (91.5-96.5, 101.5-106.5) cm

gauge
11 sts + 7 rows = 4"/10cm in dc

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 13.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as dc); dc in next ch and in each rem ch – 11 dc. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row now and throughout), turn.

Row 2 Dc in next dc and in each dc across; dc in first sked ch at beginning of row 1. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3 Dc in next dc and in each dc across; dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3. Ch 3, turn.

Rows 4-7 Repeat row 3 four times more. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notes
Width of rectangle before sleeves and edging are added is 32 (36, 40)"/81.5 (91.5, 101.5) cm wide and 20 (22, 24)"/51 (56, 61) cm long.

BODY
Starting at neck edge, ch 91 (101, 111).

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 sked chs count as dc); dc in next ch and in each rem ch – 89 (99, 109) dc. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row now and throughout), turn.

Row 2 Dc in next dc and in each dc across; dc in first sked ch at beginning of row 1. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3 Dc in next dc and in each dc across; dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3. Ch 3, turn.

Rows 4-35 (39, 43) Repeat row 3 thirty-two (36, 40) times more or until piece measures 20 (22, 24)"/51 (56, 61)cm. Do not ch 3 at end of last row. Fasten off at end of last row.

With right side facing, join yarn with sc in right-hand edge of first row, work 51 (58, 65) more sc on right-hand edge, working approx 3 sc in every 2 rows – 52 (59, 66) sc. With right side facing, join yarn with sc in left-hand edge of last row, work 51 (58, 65) more sc on left-hand edge, working approx 3 sc in every 2 rows – 52 (59, 66) sc.

side seams
With right sides facing, fold body of cardigan in half with first and last rows meeting. Piece is now 10 (11, 12)"/25.5 (28, 30.5) cm high and 32 (36, 40)"/81.5 (91.5, 101.5) cm wide. To form sleeve openings, sew each side edge from non-folded bottom corners toward fold line for 4 (4½, 5)"/10 (11, 12.5)cm through 11 (12, 13) sc of both thicknesses at bottom corner. Sleeve opening between foldline and top of side seam should be 6 (6½, 7)"/15 (16.5, 18)cm. There should be a total of 30 (35, 40) sc

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Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s)	chain(s)	**sp(s)**	space(s)
dc	double crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
lp	loop	**tr**	treble crochet
rem	remain(ing)	**yo**	yarn over
sc	single crochet	*	Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
sk(ed)	skip(ped)		
sl st	slip stitch		

special abbreviations

beginning 6-dc shell Ch 3, work (2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in same st or sp as last st made.

6-dc shell Work (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in specified st or sp.

beginning 6-tr shell Ch 4, work (2 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in same st or sp as last st made.

6-tr shell Work (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in specified st or sp.

beginning 8-tr shell Ch 4, work (3 tr, ch 2, 4 tr) in same st or sp as last st made.

8-tr shell Work (4 tr, ch 2, 4 tr) in specified st or sp.

rev sc Insert hook in next st to right of last st, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook.

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relaxed cardi

above side seam for sleeve opening. Turn to right side.

SLEEVES (make 2)

Round 1 With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in 3rd sc of sleeve opening after top of either side seam, work beginning 6-dc shell, sk next 4 sc; *6-dc shell in next sc, sk next 4 sc; repeat from * around — 6 (7, 8) 6-dc shells. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 2 Sl st in next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, work beginning 6-dc shell; *6-dc shell in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around. Join.

Rounds 3-5 Sl st in next 2 sts and in next ch-1 sp, work beginning 6-tr shell; *6-tr shell in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around — 6 (7, 8) 6-tr shells. Join with sl st in 4th ch of beginning ch-4.

Round 6 Sl st in next 2 tr and in next ch-1 sp, work beginning 8-tr shell; *8-tr shell in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around — 6 (7, 8) 8-tr shells. Join.

Round 7 Ch 1, work rev sc in each st and sp around. Join with sl st in first rev sc. Fasten off.

Repeat Rounds 1-7 on other sleeve opening.

bottom edging

note Last Round of Bottom Edging is worked on wrong side so that edging will appear right-side up when collar is turned down.

Foundation Round With right side facing, join yarn with sl st on bottom edge in first st after either side seam, ch 1, loosely sc in each st around bottom edge and in side seams — 180 (200, 220) sc. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 1 Sl st in next 2 sc, work beginning 6-dc shell, sk next 4 sc; *6-dc shell in next sc, sk next 4 sc; repeat from * around — 36 (40, 44) 6-dc shells. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 2 Sl st in next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, work

beginning 6-dc shell; *6-dc shell in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around. Join.

Rounds 3-5 Sl st in next 2 sts and in next ch-1 sp, work beginning 6-tr shell; *6-tr shell in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around — 36 (40, 44) 6-tr shells. Join with sl st in 4th ch of beginning ch-4.

Round 6 Sl st in next 2 tr and in next ch-1 sp, work beginning 8-tr shell; *8-tr shell in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around — 36 (40, 44) 8-tr shells. Join.

Round 7 Ch 1, turn, so wrong side is facing. Work rev sc in each st and sp around. Join with sl st in first rev sc . Fasten off.

finishing

Weave in ends. ■

RND 7 (RS FOR SLEEVE; WS FOR BOTTOM EDGING)

FOUNDATION ROW (BOTTOM EDGING ONLY)
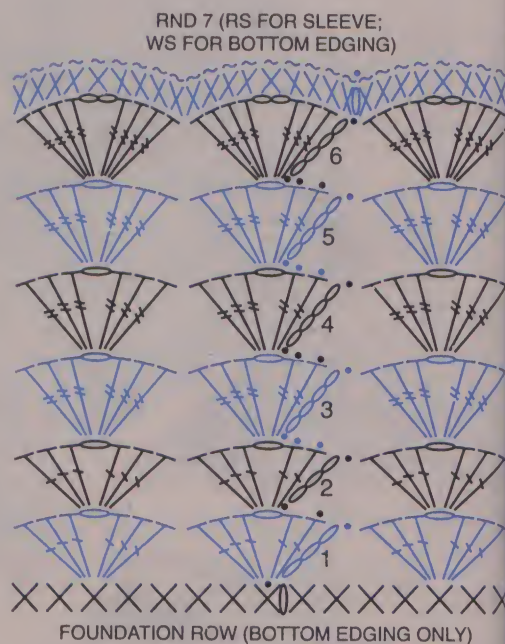
SLEEVE (bottom edging)

(foldline)

20 (22, 24)"

32 (36, 40)"

4 (4½, 5)"

6 (6½, 7)"

6 (6½, 7)"

4 (4½, 5)"

lacy frames

Showcase your special memories with these gorgeous crochet photo mats.

By Joyce Nordstrom

SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements
Frames can be made to fit any mat.

gauge
Strip of Frame #1 = ¾"/2cm wide using Size 6 (1.8mm) hook and size 10 thread

Strip of Frame #2 = 1"/2.5cm wide using Size 4 (2.0mm) hook and size 3 thread

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Work several inches of Frame #1 or Frame #2 with specified thread and hook. With size 10 thread the width of the frame strip should be approx ¾"/2cm wide. With size 3 thread the width of the frame strip should be approx 1"/2.5cm wide.

note
Frame strips are worked from corner to corner. Four strips are then sewn together at corners to form frame. For each frame, make 4 strips. For a 5" x 7"/12.5 x 18cm frame make two 5"/12.5cm and two 7"/18cm strips. For an 8" x 10"/20.5 x 25.5cm frame make two 8"/20.5cm and two 10"/25.5cm strips.

FRAME #1 (make 4 strips)
With A and Size 6 (1.8mm) hook, ch 2.

beginning miter
Row 1 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 2 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc - 3 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc - 4 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in last 3 sc - 5 sc.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

- **ch** chain
- **dc** double crochet
- **hdc** half double crochet
- **sc** single crochet
- **sk** skip
- **sl st** slip stitch
- **sp** space
- **st(s)** stitch(es)

special abbreviations

sc2tog (sc 2 stitches together) [Insert hook into next st, yarn over, draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook

[] work directions in brackets into stitch or space indicated

() Gives more information

frame strip
Row 1 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn, sk 1 st, dc in next st, ch 3, sk 2 sts, sl st in next sc.

Row 2 Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), turn, [dc, ch 1] in ch-3 sp 7 times, dc in next dc, dc in top of turning ch - 10 dc.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn, sk first dc, dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp, sk next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp; leave remaining sts unworked.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until piece measures ½"/1.5cm less than desired length (for example, if a 7"/18cm strip is desired, work until piece measures 6½"/16.5cm, ending with Row 2.

ending miter
Row 1 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 2 dc, sc in next ch-1 sp,

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sc in next dc, sc in next ch-1 sp; leave remaining sts unworked - 5 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in last 3 sc - 4 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 2 sc, sc2tog - 3 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in last sc - 2 sc.

**Row 5** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog - 1 sc.

Fasten off.

Repeat to make 4 strips of desired lengths.

finishing
Make 4 strips of desired lengths. Matching mitered edges of strips, lay out strips to form frame. Sew corner edges together. Weave in all ends.

FRAME #2 (make 4 strips)
With B and size 4 (2.0mm) hook, ch 2.

beginning miter
Row 1 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 2 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, 2 sc in last sc - 3 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in last 2 sc - 4 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 3 sc, 2 sc in last sc - 5 sc.

frame strip
Row 1 Ch 4, turn, hdc in first st, ch 1, sk 1 st, hdc in next st, ch 1, sk 1 st, hdc in last st.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, [hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next hdc] twice - 5 hdc.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures ½"/1.5cm less than desired length (for example, if a 7"/18cm strip is desired, work until piece measures 6½"/16.5cm), ending with Row 2.

ending miter
Row 1 Ch 1, turn, sc in each hdc across - 5 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 3 sc, sc2tog - 4 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in last 2 sc - 3 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, sc2tog - 2 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog.

Fasten off.

Repeat to make 4 strips of desired lengths.

finishing
Make 4 strips of desired lengths. Matching mitered edges of strips, lay out strips to form frame. Sew corner edges together. Weave in all ends. ∎
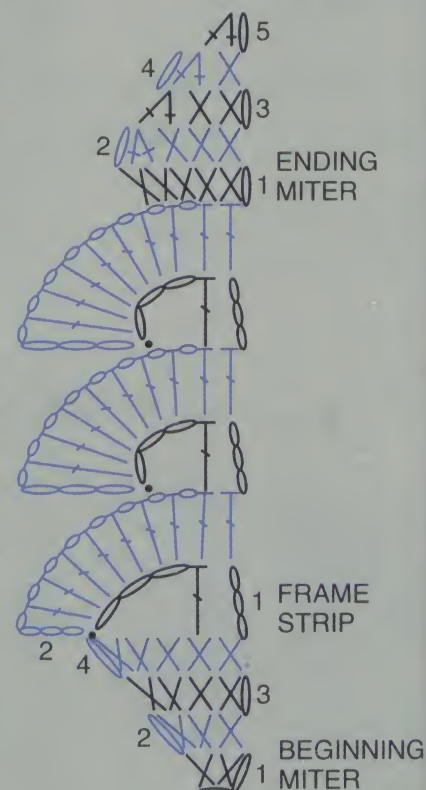
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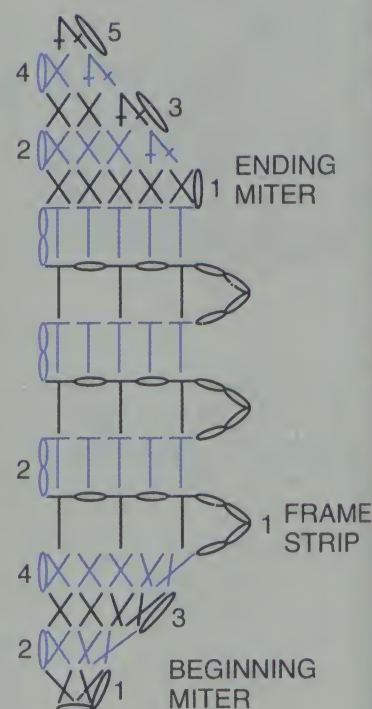
frame 2

warm-up wrap

Ward off a chill with this sumptuous wrap, perfect for a relaxing afternoon at home or a night on the town.

By Lisa Gentry

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s) chain(s)
dc double crochet
hdc half double crochet
lp loop
sk(ed) skip
sl st slip stich
sp(s) space(s)
tr treble crochet
( ) Work directions inside parentheses into stitch or space indicated.
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

finished measurements
58"/147.3cm long x 24"/61cm wide

gauge
5 rows = 4"/10.2cm

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 22.

Row 1 Dc in 5th ch from hook (sked chs count as dc), dc in next ch; *ch 5, sk next 5 chs, dc in next 3 chs; repeat from * once more – 9 dc and 2 ch-5 sps. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row now and throughout), turn.

Row 2 Dc in next dc; *(4 dc, ch 1, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * once more; sk next dc, dc in next dc and in next ch – 20 dc and 2 ch-1 sps. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3 Dc in next dc; ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 5, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, dc in next dc and in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 10 dc, 1 ch-5 sp and 2 ch-2 sps. Ch 3, turn.

Row 4 Dc in next dc, 4 dc in next ch-2 sp; (4 dc, ch 1, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp; 4 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc and in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 20 dc and 1 ch-1 sp. Ch 3, turn.

Row 5 Dc in next 2 dc, ch 5, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 5, sk next 7 dc, dc in next 2 dc and in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 9 dc and 2 ch-5 sps. Swatch should measure 4.5"/11.4cm wide x 4"/10.2cm high. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

WRAP
Ch 102.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 5th ch from hook (sked chs count as dc), dc in next ch; *ch 5, sk next 5 chs, dc in next 3 chs; repeat from * 11 times more – 39 dc and 12 ch-5 sps. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row now and throughout), turn.

Row 2 Dc in next dc, *(4 dc, ch 1, 4 dc) in next ch 5-sp; repeat from * 11 times more; sk next dc, dc in next dc and in next ch –

100 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3 Dc in next dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; *ch 5, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * 10 times more; ch 2, sk next 4 dc, dc in next dc and in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 40 dc, 11 ch-5 sps and 2 ch-2 sps. Ch 3, turn.

Row 4 Dc in next dc, 4 dc in next ch 2-sp; *(4 dc, ch 1, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * 10 times more; 4 dc in next ch 2-sp, dc in next dc and in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 100 dc and 11 ch-1 sps. Ch 3, turn.

Row 5 Dc in next 2 dc; *ch 5, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * 10 times more; ch 5, sk next 7 dc, dc in next 2 dc and in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 39 dc and 12 ch-5 sps. Ch 3, turn.

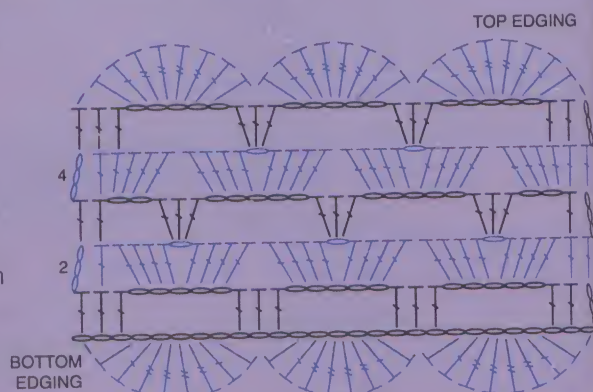Repeat Rows 2-5 until piece measures about 56"/142.2cm long. Fasten off.

edging
With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in first dc on last row; *(hdc, dc, 4 tr, dc, hdc) in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * 11 times more; sl st in last dc – 24 hdc, 24 dc and 48 tr. Fasten off.

With right side facing and bottom edge at top, join yarn with sl st in free lp of first ch of foundation ch; *(hdc, dc, 4 tr, dc, hdc) in next ch-sp formed by 5 sked chs; repeat from * 11 times more; sk chs at base of next 2 dc, sl st in free lp of next ch – 24 hdc, 24 dc and 48 tr. Fasten off.

finishing
Weave in all ends. ■

TOP EDGING

BOTTOM EDGING

reduced sample of pattern

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.
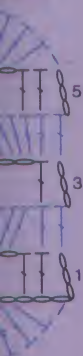
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embroidered afghan

Simple, easy stitches are embellished with sophisticated embroidery in this elegant throw. Each square is worked separately, making it a great portable project.

By Michele Woodford

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
Approx 52"/132cm wide x 66"/167.5cm long excluding fringe

gauge
12 dc and 7½ rows = 4"/10 cm square using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

One square is approx 10½"/26.5cm x 11½"/29cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With A, ch 14

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across - 12 dc (3 sked ch at beginning count as 1 dc).

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn, dc in each dc across - 12 dc.

Repeat Row 2 six more times for a total of 8 rows. Resulting gauge swatch should be approx 4"/10 cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notes
1 The afghan consists of 25 pattern squares. The squares are crocheted separately and bordered in double crochet filet. After an embroidered design is applied to each square, the squares are sewn together and a striped border is worked on each end of the afghan. Finally, fringe is added.

2 To change color, work last stitch to the point where there are 2 lps on the hook, yarn over with new color to complete stitch.

3 When working striped squares: yarn is first changed to color B; color A strand is dropped but not cut. When the color B row is complete, the work is not turned. Instead, work begins again where the color A strand was dropped. The color A strand is drawn up into the first color B stitch and work proceeds across.

SQUARE 1 (make 8)
With A, ch 33.

Row 1 (wrong side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 sked ch at beginning count as first dc), dc in next ch and each ch across — 31 dc.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dc in each dc across; change to B in last st of Row 3. Drop but do not cut A — 31 dc.

Row 4 Ch 2 (counts as first sc here and throughout), turn, sc in next 7 sts, Cl in next st, sc in remaining sts across. Fasten off B.

Row 5 (right side) Do not turn work; with right side facing draw up lp of A in first st, ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), hdc in each st across.

Row 6 Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across; change to B in last st. Drop but do not cut A.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn, sc in next 25 sts, Cl in next st, sc in remaining sts across. Fasten off B.

Row 8 (right side) Repeat Row 5.

Rows 9-13 Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across; change to B in last st of Row 13. Drop but do not cut A.

Row 14 Ch 2, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off B.

Row 15 (right side) Repeat Row 5.

Rows 16-20 Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across; change to B in last st of Row 20. Drop but do not cut A.

Row 21 Ch 2, turn, sc in next 20 sts, Cl in next st, sc

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch	chain	st(s)	stitch(es)
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet	sk(ed)	skip(ped)
		sl st	slip stitch
lp(s)	loop(s)	sp(s)	space(s)

special abbreviations

Cl (cluster) yarn over, insert hook in specified stitch, yarn over and draw up lp, yarn over and draw through 2 lps on hook; (yarn over, insert hook in same stitch, yarn over and draw up lp, yarn over and draw through 2 lps on hook) twice, yarn over and draw through all 4 lps on hook.

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in remaining sts across. Fasten off B.

Row 22 (right side) Repeat Row 5.

Rows 23-25 Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across.

Do not fasten off and do not turn.

Round 1 (border) Ch 7 (counts as dc, ch 4), dc in base of ch-7 (corner made); pivot work to work along side of square, work (ch 1, dc) 15 times evenly spaced along side of square; ch 4, dc in same sp as last dc worked (corner made); pivot work to work along opposite side of beginning ch, work (ch 1, dc) 21 times evenly spaced along bottom of square; ch 4, dc in same ch as last dc worked (corner made); pivot work to work along side of square, work (ch 1, dc) 15 times evenly spaced along side of square; ch 4, dc in same sp as last dc worked (corner made); pivot work to work along top of square, work (ch 1, dc) 20 times evenly spaced along top of square, ch 1; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-7. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

SQUARE 2 (make 13)
With A, ch 33.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 sked ch at beginning count as first dc), dc in next ch and each ch across – 31 dc.

Rows 2-21 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dc in each dc across – 31 dc.

Do not fasten off and do not turn.

Round 1 (border) Work as for Square 1 border.

SQUARE 3 (make 2)
With A, ch 33.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 sked ch at beginning count as first dc), dc in next ch and each ch across – 31 dc.

Rows 2-5 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dc in each dc across – 31 dc.

Row 6 Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across; change to B in last st. Drop but do not cut A.

Row 7 Ch 2 (counts as first sc here and throughout), turn, sc in next 18 sts, Cl in next st, sc in remaining sts across. Fasten off B.

Row 8 Do not turn work; with right side facing draw up lp of A in first st, ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), hdc in each st across.

Rows 9-21 Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across.

Do not fasten off and do not turn.

Round 1 (border) Work as for Square 1 border.

SQUARE 4 (make 2)
With A, ch 33.

Rows 1-11 Work Rows 1-11 of Square 3; change to B in last st of Row 11. Drop but do not cut A.

Row 12 Ch 2 (counts as first sc), turn, sc in next 7 sts, Cl in next st, sc in remaining sts across. Fasten off B.

Row 13 Do not turn work; with right side facing draw up lp of A in first st, ch 2 (counts as first hdc), hdc in next st and each st across - 32 hdc.

Rows 14-21 Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across.

Do not fasten off and do not turn.

Round 1 (border) Work as for Square 1 border.

embroidery (see templates)
Using a photocopier, enlarge templates to the following dimensions:

Large flower: 10" x 9"/25.4 x 23cm

Small flower: 5" x 8"/12.7 x 20.3cm

Leaf: 9" x 8"/23 x 20.3cm

Trace onto cardstock or heavy paper. Use craft knife to carefully cut out lines. Pin templates over appropriate squares and use chalk pencil to mark embroidery placement.

Mark and embroider four 2 squares with floral template.

Mark and embroider two 3 squares with flower dot template.

Mark and embroider two 4 squares with leaf template.

(1 squares and nine 2 squares are not embroidered).

Embroider designs on squares following chalk lines and using indicated stitches as follows:

Surface sl st (surface slip stitch)
See photo. Make a slip knot and hold it on wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from right side of fabric to wrong side. Place slip knot on hook, draw lp to right side. Insert hook from right side to wrong side through desired stitch or space, yarn over, draw lp to right side and through lp on hook (surface slip stitch made).

French knot
See photo. Thread yarn on yarn needle, insert needle from wrong side to right side of fabric, and draw yarn through. Wrap yarn around the needle 2-3 times, and push needle back down from right side to

wrong side near the point where it came up.

straight stitch
Thread yarn on yarn needle, insert needle from wrong side to right side of fabric at desired beginning point of stitch. Insert needle back into fabric at desired end point of stitch. Repeat as desired.

blanket stitch
See photo. Bring needle up at point A, down at point B, and up and point C, directing needle over yarn when coming up at point C. Repeat, with point C becoming point A for each new stitch.

daisy stitch
Thread yarn onto yarn needle. Bring needle up at planned center of daisy, then back down again just next to the same point. Before drawing lp snug, bring needle up at end point of one petal and make a small stitch over the yarn lp, then pull all snug. (End of petal will be tacked down by small stitch). Repeat to make five petals, starting each at the same center point. Finish by making one French knot in center of flower.

finishing
Lay out squares as shown in diagram. Thread long A tails onto yarn needle and sew edges of squares together. Weave in all ends.

2 lg. flower	1	2 solid	1	2 lg. flower
1	2 solid	4 leaf	2 solid	1
2 solid	3 sm. flower	2 solid	3 sm. flower	2 solid
1	2 solid	4 leaf	2 solid	1
2 lg. flower	1	2 solid	1	2 lg. flower

STRIPE BORDER (work on 2 opposite ends of afghan)
With right side facing, join A in 2nd ch of upper right corner ch-4.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 2 dc in each ch-sp across square, *work 1 dc in join between squares, work 2 dc in each ch-sp across next square; repeat from * across, dc in 2nd ch of upper left corner ch-4 - 176 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across; change to B in last st. Drop but do not fasten off A.

Row 3 Ch 2 (counts as first sc here and throughout), turn, sc in next 24 sts, Cl in next st, sc in next 65 sts, Cl in next st, sc in each remaining st across. Fasten off B.

Row 4 (right side) Do not turn work; with right side facing draw up lp of A in first st, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st across; change to B in last st. Drop but do not fasten off A.

Row 5 Ch 2, sc in each st across. Fasten off B.

Row 6 (right side) Do not turn work; with right side facing draw up lp of A in first st, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st across.

Rows 7-8 Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across; change to B in last st. Drop but do not fasten off A.

Row 9 Ch 2, turn, sc in next 83 sts, Cl in next st, sc in next 65 sts, Cl in next st, sc in each remaining st across. Fasten off B.

Row 10 (right side) Do not turn work; with right side facing draw up lp of A in first st, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st across.

Row 11 Ch 3, turn, sc in next sc, *ch 3, sk 1 sts, sc in next st; repeat from * across - 88 ch-3 sps. Fasten off.
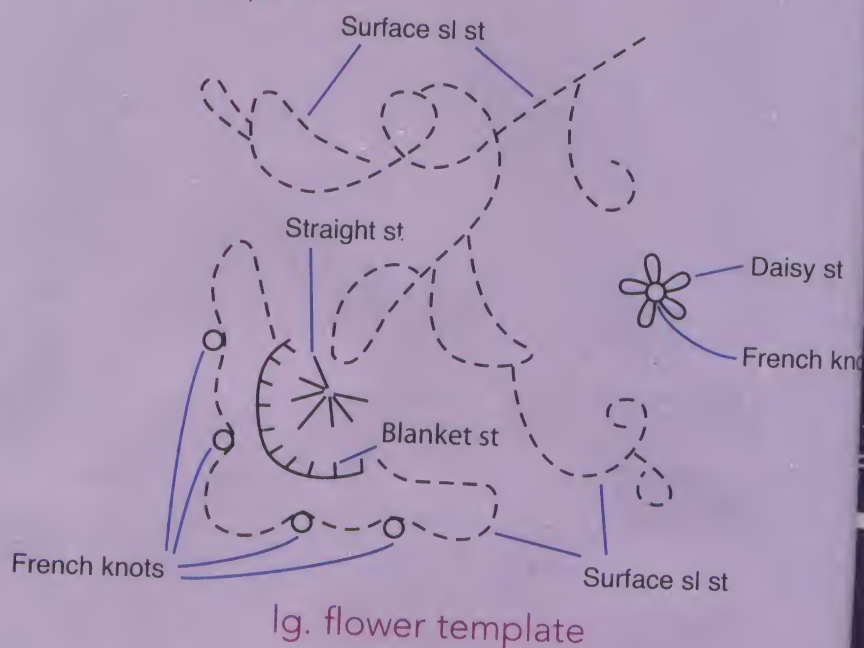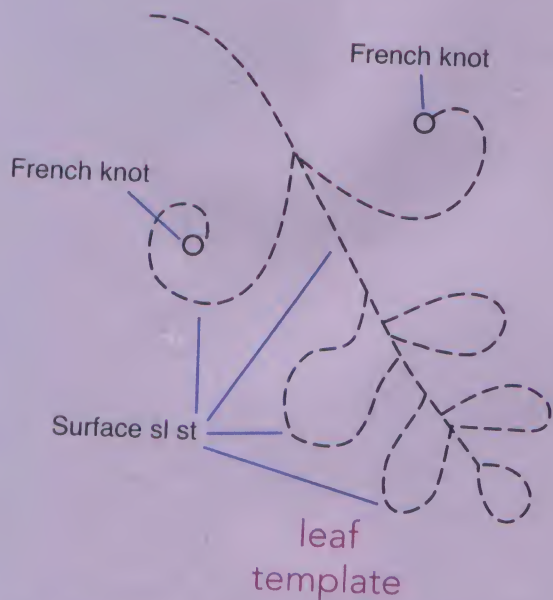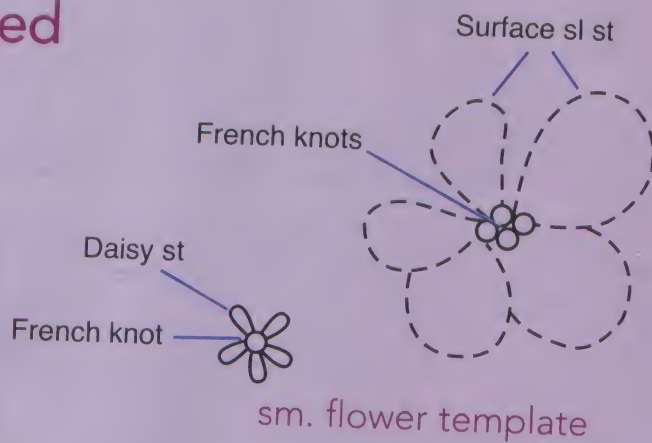
FRINGE
(work along both striped ends)
Cut sixty 10"/25.5cm strands each of A and B. Holding 2 strands of A and 2 strands of B together, fold in half and draw lp through first ch-3 sp of Row 11, draw ends through lp and pull tight. Repeat in every third ch-3 sp across; for a total of 30 fringes. Trim fringe evenly.

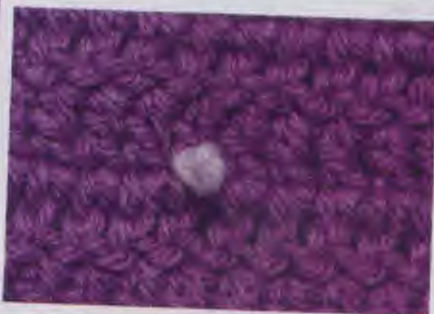Repeat Rows 1 through 11 and fringe on opposite end of afghan. ■
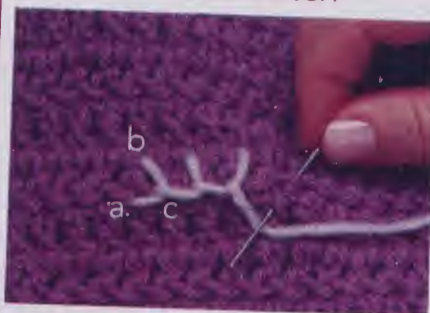
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Surface sl st

French knots

Daisy st

French knot

sm. flower template

Surface sl st

French knot

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leaf template

Surface sl st

Straight st

Daisy st

French kn

Blanket st

French knots

Surface sl st

lg. flower template

surface slip stitch	French knot	blanket stitch
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cozy collar

Chase away winter chills with this high-style neck warme

Designed by Vashti Braha

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SKILL LEVEL: beginner

finished measurements
21½"/54.5cm wide x 5½"/14cm long

gauge
With smaller hook, 9 sc and 8 rows = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With smaller hook and 1 strand A and 2 strands B held together, ch 10.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across – 9 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3-8 Repeat Row 2 six times more. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notes
1 First and last rows are worked with a larger hook for better drape.
2 Collar is worked with one strand A and 2 strands B held together throughout.

COLLAR
With larger hook, ch 13.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across – 12 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3-38 Change to smaller hook. Repeat Row 2 thirty-six times more.

Row 39 Sc in first sc; *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * 4 times more; ch 1, sc in last sc – 7 sc and 6 ch-1 sps. Ch 1, turn.

Row 40 Sk first sc; *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * 5 times more; sc in turning ch-sp. Ch 1, turn.

Row 41 Rep Row 40.

Row 42 With larger hook, sk first sc; *sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * 4 times more; sc in next ch-1 sp, sk next sc, sc in turning ch-sp – 12 sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

finishing
With sewing needle and thread, sew button onto 7th sc of Row 6. Fasten button through any ch-1 sp in Rows 39-41. ■

the yarn

5 *Foxy* in Sterling

4 *Cheerio* in Snow

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s) chain(s)
rem remain(ing)
sc single crochet
sk skip
sp(s) space(s)
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

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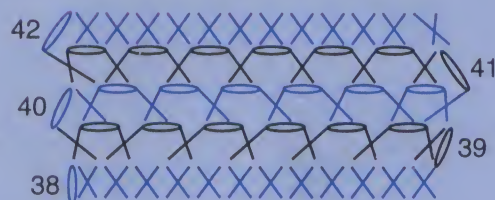
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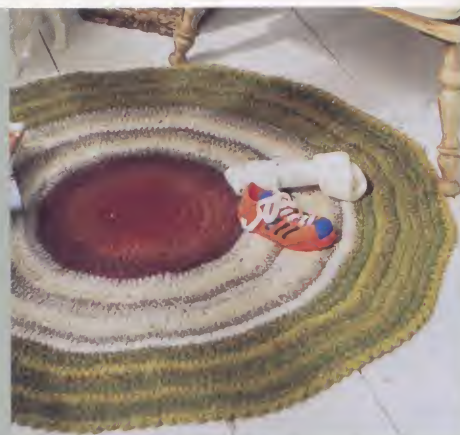2 sc.

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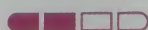
By Drew Emborsky

the yarn

5 *Tweedle Dee* in Sagebrush

SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
Approx 36"/91.5cm diameter

gauge
11 sts and 6 rows = 4"/10cm over dc using size K/10½ (6.5mm) crochet hook.

Gauge is not crucial for this project!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 13 loosely.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (counts as dc) and in each ch across – 11 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn, dc in next dc and each dc across.

Repeat Row 2 four more times. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

note
Rug is worked in the round; each round is joined to the first st in the round (the beginning ch counts as the first st of each round).

RUG
With A, ch 4.

Round 1 Work 11 dc in 4th ch from hook; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 – 12 dc (beginning sked ch-3 counts as 1 dc).

Round 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each rem st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 – 24 dc.

Round 3 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next st, *2 dc in next st (increase made), dc in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 – 36 dc.

Round 4 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 2 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 – 48 dc.

Round 5 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 3 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 – 60 dc.

Round 6 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 4 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 – 72 dc.

Round 7 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 5 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 – 84 dc.

Round 8 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 6 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 – 96 dc.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

- **ch** chain
- **dc** double crochet
- **lp** loop
- **rem** remain(ing)
- **sc** single crochet
- **sl st** slip stitch
- **sk(ed)** skip(ped)
- **st(s)** stitch(es)
- ***** Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

tip
When adding a new color yarn, join it in a stitch far from the beginning of the previous color. This will help make the joins less noticeable.

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tip

You can make this rug larger than the specified dimensions; just increase by twelve double crochets on each additional round.

Round 9 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 7 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-3 — 108 dc.

Fasten off A. Join B with sl st in any st of Round 9.

Rounds 10-18 Work in pattern as established, working one more dc between the increases in each round — 216 dc. Fasten off B.

Join C with sl st in any st of Round 18.

Rounds 19-26 Work in pattern as established, working one more dc between the increases in each round — 312 dc. Do not fasten off C.

Round 27 (edging) Ch 1, sc in same st as join; ch 1, sc in front lp only of sc just made; *sk 1 st, sc in next st, ch 1, sc in front lp only of sc just made; repeat from * around; sk 1 st, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off C.

finishing

Weave in all ends. ∎

EDGING

CONTINUE IN PATTERN
TO RND 26

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26

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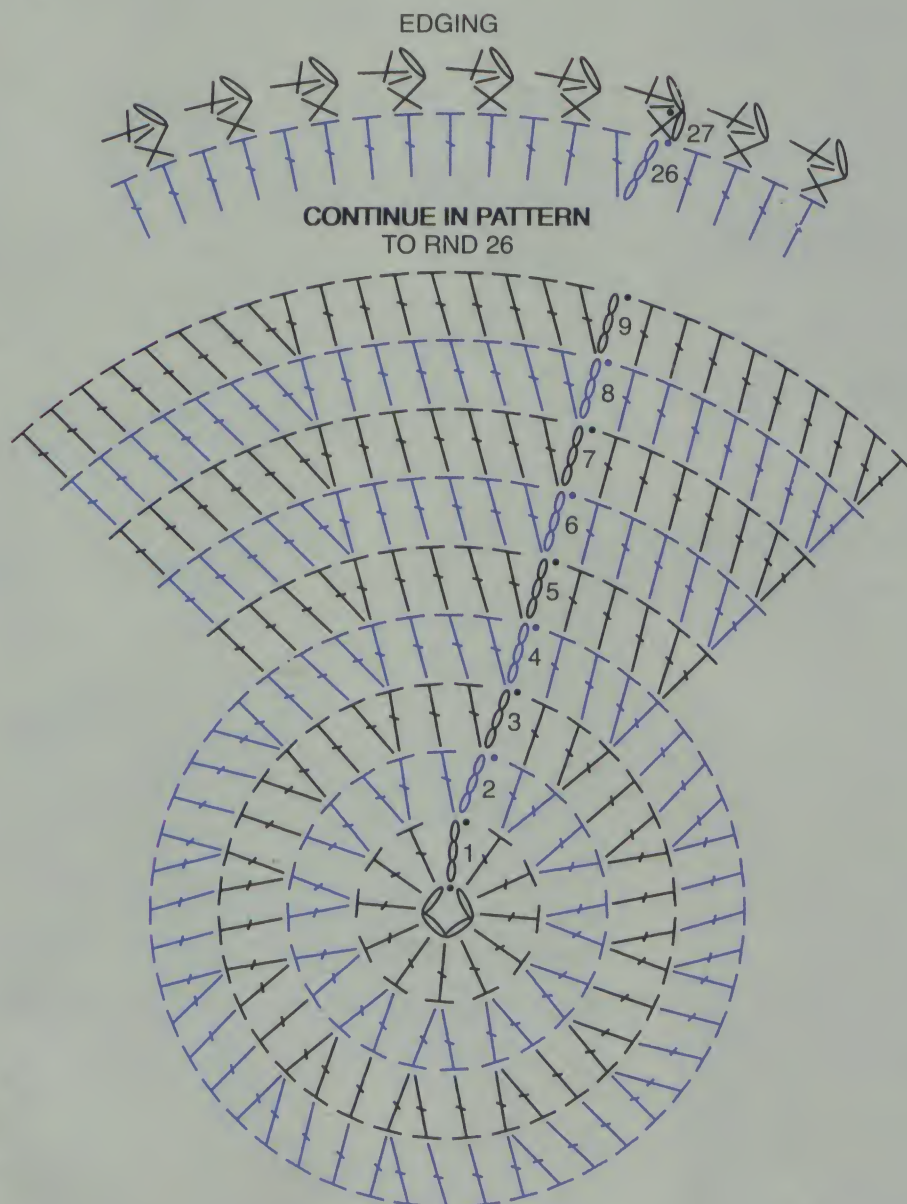
rug

snow-day socks

Cozy up with these fun foot warmers—with our step-by-step instructions, you'll be a pro in no time.

By Janet Rehfeldt

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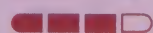
SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements

9½"/24cm foot to cuff

7 (7¾, 8¾, 9½, 10¼)"/18 (19.5, 22, 24, 26)cm leg circumference and foot circumference

note all measurements are for sock folded flat and not stretched.

gauge

19½ hdc and 14½ rounds = 4"/10 cm using size E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

With E/4 (3.5mm) hook, ch 22.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across to end - 20 hdc.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Repeat last row 13 more times, for a total of 15 rows. Fasten off. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notes

1 When using self-patterning yarn, be sure to begin each sock with the same color sequence.

2 Rounds are worked in continuous spirals. Unless otherwise instructed; do not join rounds, do not turn and do not ch 1 at beginning of round. Use stitch marker to track rounds.

SOCK (make 2)
cuff

With D/3 (3.25mm) hook, ch 11.

Row 1 Working in back hump of chain, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end - 10 sl st.

Row 2 Turn, ch 1, working in back lps only, sl st in each sl st across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 6½ (7, 7¼, 8¼, 9)"/16.5 (18, 18.5, 21, 23)cm. Do not fasten off.

leg

note leg rounds are worked in continuous spirals. Unless otherwise instructed; do not join rounds, do not turn and do not ch 1 at beginning of round. Use stitch marker to track rounds.

Round 1 Pivot cuff to work along long edge; work 34 (38, 42, 46, 40) sc evenly spaced along edge; join with sl st in first sc to form a circle - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) sc.

Change to E/4 (3.5mm) hook.

Round 2 Hdc in same st as join, place marker to mark beginning of rounds, hdc in each sc around; do not join - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) hdc.

Round 3 Hdc in each hdc around; do not join - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) hdc.

Repeat Round 3, moving round marker up with each round, until piece measures 6½"/16.5cm from beginning (including cuff).

Flatten piece so that seam of cuff is at side edge. Work hdc in each st to a side edge, making sure that seam will end at inside of leg when sock is finished. Do not fasten off.

heel

Row 1 (wrong side) Turn, ch 1, sc in next 17 (19, 21,

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23, 25) sts; leave remaining sts unworked (for top of foot) - 17 (19, 21, 23, 25) sc.

Row 2 (right side) Turn, ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, Lsc in next sc 2 rows below, *sc in next sc, Lsc in next sc 2 rows below; repeat from * to last 2 sts, sc in last 2 sts - 17 (19, 21, 23, 25) sts.

Row 3 Turn, ch 1, sc in each sc across.

Row 4 Turn, ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, Lsc in next Lsc 2 rows below working into the V of the st, *sc in next sc, Lsc in next Lsc 2 rows below working into the V of the st, repeat from * to last 2 sts, sc in last 2 sts.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until heel measures 2 3/4"/7cm. End by working a wrong side row. Do not fasten off.

heel turn

Row 1 (dec row - right side) Turn, ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog twice, sc in each st to last 5 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in last st - 13 (15, 17, 19, 21) sts.

Row 2 (dec row) Turn, ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in next 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts, sc2tog 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) times, sc in each st to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st - 10 (12, 14, 15, 17) sts.

Row 3 (dec row) Turn, ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in next 0 (0, 3, 4, 4) sts, sc2tog 0 (0, 1, 1, 2) times, sc in each st to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st - 8 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts.

Row 4 (dec row) Turn, ch 1, sc in first 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, sc2tog 1 (1, 2, 1, 2) times, sc in last 3 (4, 3, 5, 4) sts - 7 (9, 9, 11, 11) sts.

Row 5 Turn, do not ch 1, sc in each st across - 7 (9, 9, 11, 11) sts. Do not fasten off.

gusset

note gusset rounds are worked in continuous spirals. Unless otherwise instructed; do not join rounds and do not ch 1 at beginning of round. Use stitch marker to track rounds.

Round 1 (right side) Pivot work to work along side of heel flap, work 15 (15, 17, 17, 18) sc evenly spaced along left side edge of heel flap, hdc in first hdc of top foot, place marker in hdc just made (first gusset marker), hdc in each of rem 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) top foot sts, place marker in hdc just made (second gusset marker), work 15 (15, 17, 17, 18) sc evenly spaced along right side edge of heel flap, hdc in 7 (9, 9, 11, 11) heel sts, place marker to mark beginning of rounds - 54 (58, 64, 68, 72) sts.

Round 2 (decrease round) Hdc in each st to 2 sts before first gusset marker, sc2tog, hdc in next hdc replacing marker, hdc across to second gusset marker, hdc in next hdc replacing marker, sc2tog, hdc in rem heel sts - 52 (56, 62, 66, 70) sts.

Repeat Round 2, dec 2 sts and moving all markers up on each round, until 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) sts rem. Remove gusset markers. Do not fasten off.

foot

Round 1 Hdc in each hdc around - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) hdc.

Repeat Round 1 until foot measures 2"/5cm from longest toe, measured from back of heel. Remove round marker. Do not fasten off.

shape toe

Fold sock, making sure that heel is centered to back. Place markers at each side edge. Move markers after each round to keep at side edges of sock.

Round 1 (dec round) Sc in each st to 2 sts prior to first side marker, sc2tog, sc in each st to 2 sts prior to next side marker, sc2tog, sc in next st (partial round to set up toe).

Round 2 Sc in each st to 2 sts prior to first side marker, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in each st to 2 sts prior to next side marker, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog - 28 (32, 36, 40, 44) sc.

Repeat Round 2, laying sock flat and moving markers with each round to keep markers at the side edges of the foot, until 16 (16, 16, 20, 20) sts remain. Fasten off.

Repeat for second sock.

finishing

Sew toe closed. Sew closed seam at cuff opening. Weave in ends. ∎

cuff
leg
heel flap
heel turn
gusset
foot
toe

the basic parts of a sock

HOW TO CROCHET A SOCK
Here's all you need to know about making your own socks, step by step.

By Janet Rehfeldt

a

Cuff To create the sideways rib, work slip stitches in the back loop only of each stitch.

b

Leg A row of single crochet is stitched along one long edge of the ribbing, then joined to form a circle. (The open ends of the cuff are sewn together after the sock is completed.) Next, the leg is crocheted in the round to desired length.

> **DID YOU KNOW?** Our sock's leg section is crocheted in a spiral, without joining at each round. If you were to join each round with a slip stitch and begin the new round with a chain one, it would create an undesirable visible seam.

c

Heel Flap Once you reach the heel of the sock, begin crocheting back and forth in rows to create the heel flap (the section of the sock that comes down from the ankle to the base of the heel).

d

Heel Turn The heel turn shapes the flap so that it curves in and fits around the bottom of the heel. This is accomplished by decreasing evenly on each side of the flap over the course of a few rows.

e

Gusset The gusset is the wedge-shaped section that shapes the sock to fit at the ankle and around the beginning of the arch of the foot. After the heel turn is completed, begin working once more in the round by adding stitches along one side edge of the heel flap, working the remaining stitches of the heel turn, adding stitches along the other side of the heel flap, and working the stitches of the leg.

f

Simple decreases create a wedge shape on each side of the foot along the ankle. Use a marker to be sure you decrease in the correct spot on each round.

g

Foot After decreasing to the appropriate number of stitches, begin working the foot section. It is worked in same manner as the leg, crocheting in the round until it is approximately 1 ½ to 2" shorter than the total length of the foot, measured from the back of the heel to the longest toe while standing.

> **DID YOU KNOW?** Shaping the heel turn is an important step. Without it, your sock will bunch up around the heel, making it quite uncomfortable.

h

Shape Toe Fold the sock flat so that the heel is positioned correctly on the bottom of the foot and place a marker at each side edge of the foot. The toe is shaped by decreasing evenly along each side. It is important to keep the decreases symmetrical so that they are centered around the toe. To do this, reposition the stitch markers by laying the sock flat after each round and moving the markers to the side edges of the foot.

> **TIP** When adding stitches along the side edges of the heel flap, do not work into spaces or holes between rows, as this will create holes. Instead, work into the side edges of stitches or into turning chains. To make it easier to add these stitches, try switching to a smaller hook.

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Makes a wonderful throw or bedspread!

classic cabled sampler

the yarn

Super Saver in Linen

tip

Always remember to skip the stitch behind all FPdc and FPtr stitches.

By Joyce Nordstrom

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SKILL LEVEL: experienced

finished measurements
Approx 46"/116.5cm wide x 57"/144.5cm long

gauge
1 Block = 11"/28cm square using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

note
Always remember to sk the st behind all FPdc and FPtr stitches.

BLOCK 1: 3-POST CABLES (make 4)
Ch 33.

Row 1 (right side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across - 31 hdc.

Row 2 and all even (wrong side) rows Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below; *hdc in next 3 hdc, FPdc around next 3 hdc 2 rows below; repeat from * 3 more times, hdc in next 3 hdc; FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc - 31 sts.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; *hdc in next 3 hdc, sk first FPdc 2 rows below, FPdc around next 2 FPdc 2 rows below; working in front of previous 2 FPdc, FPdc around sked FPdc 2 rows below; repeat from * 3 more times, hdc in next 3 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; *hdc in next 3 hdc, FPdc around next 3 FPdc 2 rows below; repeat from * 4 more times, hdc in next 3 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc.

Repeat Rows 4-7 until piece measures approx 10½"/26.5cm from beginning.

edging (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, [hdc, ch 2, hdc] in first st, hdc in next 29 sts, [hdc, ch 2, hdc] in last st; pivot work to work in ends of rows along side, work 29 hdc in ends of rows evenly spaced along side; pivot work to work along opposite side of beginning ch, [hdc, ch 2, hdc] in first ch, hdc in next 29 ch, [hdc, ch 2, hdc] in last ch; pivot work to work in ends of rows along side, work 29 hdc in ends of rows evenly spaced along side; join with sl st in top of first hdc.
Fasten off.

BLOCK 2: LATTICE CABLES (make 4)
Ch 33.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

sk(ed) skip(ped)
ch chain
dc double c.ochet
hdc half double crochet
rev sc reverse single crochet

sc single crochet
sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)
yo yarn over
* repeat instructions following * as many times as indicated.

special abbreviations

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated stitch; yo and draw up loop, [yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice. Skip stitch behind FPdc.

FPtr (Front Post treble crochet) Yo twice, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st; yo and draw up loop, [yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times. Skip stitch behind FPtr.

Row 1 (right side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across - 31 hdc.

Row 2 (wrong side) and all even rows Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below; *sk 2 hdc, FPtr around next hdc 2 rows below; working behind previous FPtr, hdc in 2nd sked hdc; working in front of previous FPtr, FPtr around first sked hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc; repeat from * 5 more times; sk 2 hdc, FPtr around next hdc 2 rows below; working behind previous FPtr, hdc in 2nd sked hdc; working in front of previous FPtr, FPtr around first sked hdc 2 rows below; FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc - 31 sts.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 2 hdc, *sk 2 hdc, FPtr around next FPtr 2 rows below; working behind previous FPtr, hdc in 2nd sked hdc; working in front of previous FPtr, FPtr around sked FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc; repeat from * 5 more times; hdc in next hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; sk 2 sts, FPtr around next FPtr 2 rows below; working behind previous FPtr, hdc in 2nd sked hdc; working in front of previous FPtr, FPtr around first sked hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc; *sk 2 sts, FPtr around next FPtr 2 rows below; working behind previous FPtr, hdc in 2nd sked hdc; working in front of previous FPtr, FPtr around sked FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc; repeat from * 4 more times; sk 2 sts, FPtr around next hdc 2 rows below; working behind previous FPtr, hdc in 2nd sked hdc;

working in front of previous FPtr, FPtr around sked FPtr 2 rows below; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc.

Repeat Rows 4-7 until piece measures approx 10 1/2"/26.5cm from beginning.

edging (wrong side) Work as for Block #1 edging.

BLOCK 3: STORED CANOES
(make 4)
Ch 33.

Row 1 (right side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across - 31 hdc.

Row 2 (wrong side) and all even rows Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below; hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 3 hdc, FPdc around next 2 hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc, FPdc around next 2 hdc 2 rows below; repeat from * once more; hdc in next 4 hdc; FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc - 31 sts.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; *hdc in next 5 hdc, FPdc around next 2 FPdc 2 rows below (slanted FPdc), hdc in next 2 hdc, FPdc around next 2 FPdc 2 rows below (slanted FPdc); repeat from * once more, hdc in next 5 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 5 hdc, *hdc in next hdc, sk 2 FPdc 2 rows below, sk 2 hdc 2 rows below, FPtr around next 2 FPdc 2 rows below; working in front of previous 2 FPtr, FPtr around 2 sked FPdc 2 rows below (cable made), hdc in next 6 hdc, repeat from * once more; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc.

Repeat Rows 2-7 three more times, then work Row 2 once.

Last Row Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc.

edging (wrong side) Work as for Block #1 edging.

BLOCK 4: TUSCAN CABLES
(make 4)
Ch 33.

Row 1 (right side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across - 31 hdc.

Row 2 (wrong side) and all even rows Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, *FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 4 hdc, sk 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 hdc 2 rows

below; working in front of previous 2 FPtr, FPtr around 2 sked hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc; FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc; repeat from * one more time.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, *FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 3 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below (slanted FPtr), hdc in next 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below (slanted FPtr), hdc in next 3 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc; repeat from * one more time.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, *FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below (slanted FPtr), hdc in next 4 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below (slanted FPtr), hdc in next 2 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc; repeat from * one more time.

Row 9 Repeat Row 5.

Row 11 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, *FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below. hdc in next 4 hdc, sk 2 FPtr 2 rows below, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below; working in front of previous FPtr, FPtr around 2 sked FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc; repeat from * one more time.

Repeat Rows 4-11 two more times.

Last Row Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, *FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 11 hdc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below], hdc in next hdc; repeat from * one more time.

edging (wrong side) Work as for Block #1 edging.

BLOCK 5: BABY CABLES (make 4)
Ch 34.

Row 1 (right side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across - 32 hdc.

Row 2 (wrong side) and all even rows Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below; hdc in next hdc, *sk 1 hdc, FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below; working in front of previous FPdc, FPdc around sked hdc 2 rows below (baby cable made), hdc in next hdc; repeat from * 8 more times; FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc - 9 baby cables.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around next FPdc; hdc in next hdc, *sk 1 FPdc 2 rows below, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below; working in front of previous FPdc, FPdc around sked FPdc 2 rows below (baby cable made), hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next 2 FPdc 2 rows below (open cable made), hdc in next hdc; repeat from * 3 more times; sk 1 FPdc 2 rows

below, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below; working in front of previous FPdc, FPdc around sked FPdc 2 rows below (baby cable made); FPdc around next FPdc, hdc in last hdc - 5 baby cables and 4 open cables.

Repeat Rows 2-5 until piece measures approx 10 1/2"/26.5cm; end with Row 3. Repeat Row 2 once more.

Last Row Ch 2, turn, hdc in first hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last hdc.

edging (wrong side) Work as for Block #1 edging.

finishing
Arrange blocks as shown in diagram. With wrong sides facing, sl st through adjoining back loops of each hdc of block edging.

border
With right side facing, join yarn in any stitch on edge.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in same st and each hdc and ch-sp around, working [sc, ch 2, sc] in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc.

Row 2 (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, hdc in front loop only of each st around, working [hdc, ch 2, hdc] in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in top of first hdc.

Row 3 (right side) Repeat Row 1.

Row 4 (right side) Do not turn, working from left to right, rev sc in first sc, *ch 2, sk 1 sc, rev sc in next sc; repeat from * around. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends. ∎

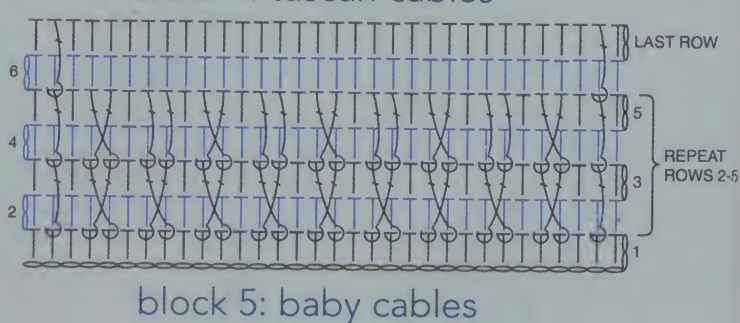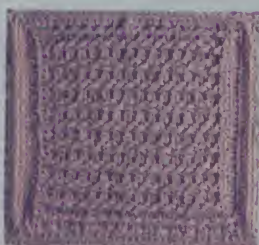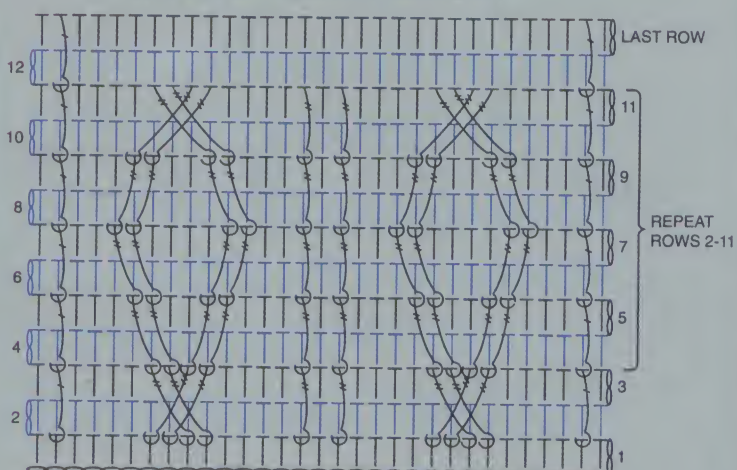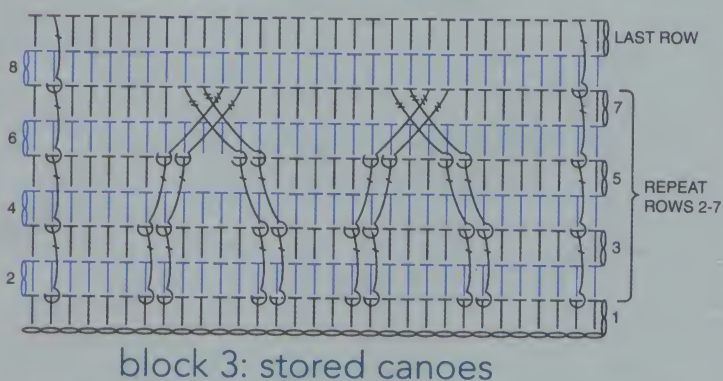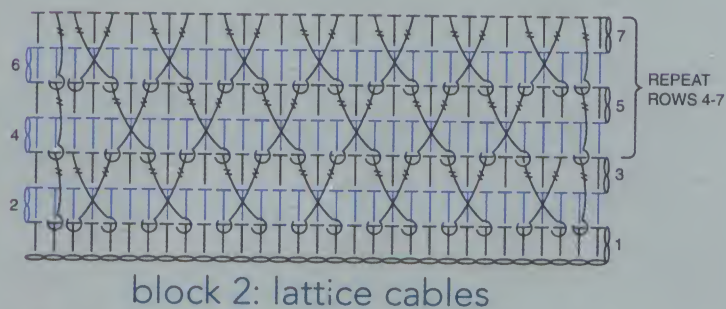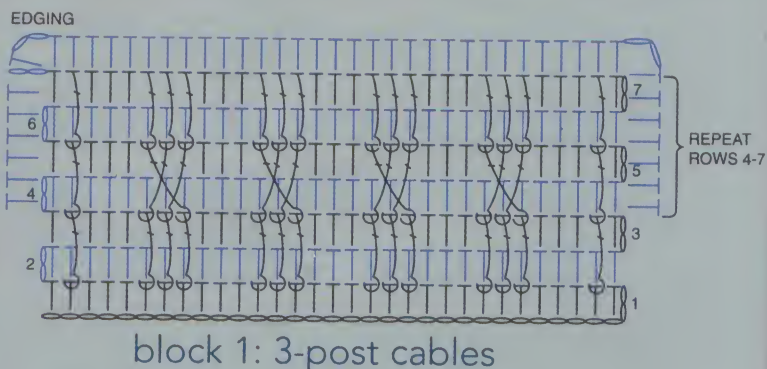| baby cables	stored canoes	lattice cables	tuscan cables
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3-post cables	baby cables	stored canoes	lattice cables

block placement diagram

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sampler

tip

If you'd prefer to make a bigger afghan, just add more blocks. 25 blocks will make a 60"/152.5cm blanket.

EDGING

REPEAT
ROWS 4-7

block 1: 3-post cables

REPEAT
ROWS 4-7

block 2: lattice cables

LAST ROW

REPEAT
ROWS 2-7

block 3: stored canoes

LAST ROW

REPEAT
ROWS 2-11

block 4: tuscan cables

LAST ROW

REPEAT
ROWS 2-5

block 5: baby cables

daisy chain scarf

Add a touch of whimsy and a hint of spring with this fun, flowery scarf.

By Vickie Howell

SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements

Approx 4¼" x 56"/10.5 x 142cm (excluding fringe)

gauge

One motif measures 4¼"/10.5cm across using size N/15 (10mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

notes

1 Use one strand of A, B or C throughout.

2 Use 2 strands of D or E held together throughout.

3 Flowers are numbered according to assembly order. Flowers 1-4 and 9-12 are made in Motif I, and Flowers 5-8 are made in Motif II. See Assembly Diagram.

MOTIF I (make 8)

With first color, ch 4. Join ch with a sl st forming a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring, join round with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 2 From right side, join 2nd color with a sl st in any sc, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), work 2 dc in same st as joining, ch 1, *work 3 dc in next sc, ch 1; repeat from * 4 times more, join round with a sl st in top of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

Round 3 From right side, join first color with a sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), work 3 dc in same sp as joining, sk next dc, sc in next dc, *work 4 dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * 4 times more, join round with a sl st in top of beginning ch-3. Fasten off. Make 8 motifs using

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch   chain(s)
dc   double crochet
hdc   half double crochet
lp(s)   loop(s)
sc   single crochet
sk   skip
sl st   slip st
sp(s)   space(s)
st(s)   stitch(es)
tr   treble crochet
*   Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

color combinations as follows:

Flower 1 One strand of A for first color and 2 strands of D for 2nd color.

Flower 2 One strand of B for first color and 2 strands of E for 2nd color.

Flower 3 Two strands of E for first color and one strand of A for 2nd color.

Flower 4 Two strands of D for first color and one strand of B for 2nd color.

Flower 9 Two strands of D for first color and one strand of A for 2nd color.

Flower 10 One strand of B for first color and 2 strands of D for 2nd color.

Flower 11 One strand of A for first color and 2 strands of E for 2nd color.

Flower 12 Two strands of E for first color and one strand of B for 2nd color.

MOTIF II (make 4)

Ch 2.

Round 1 (right side) Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join round with a sl st in first sc—5 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, working through back lps only, sc in each st around, join round with a sl st in first sc.

Round 3 Ch 4 (counts as 1 tr), work 4 tr in same sp as joining, [work 5 tr in next st] 4 times, join round with a sl st in top of beginning ch-4—25 tr.

Round 4 Ch 1, *sc in next st, tr in next st; repeat from * around, join round with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Push center of flower and the tr of last round to right side. Make 4 motifs as follows:
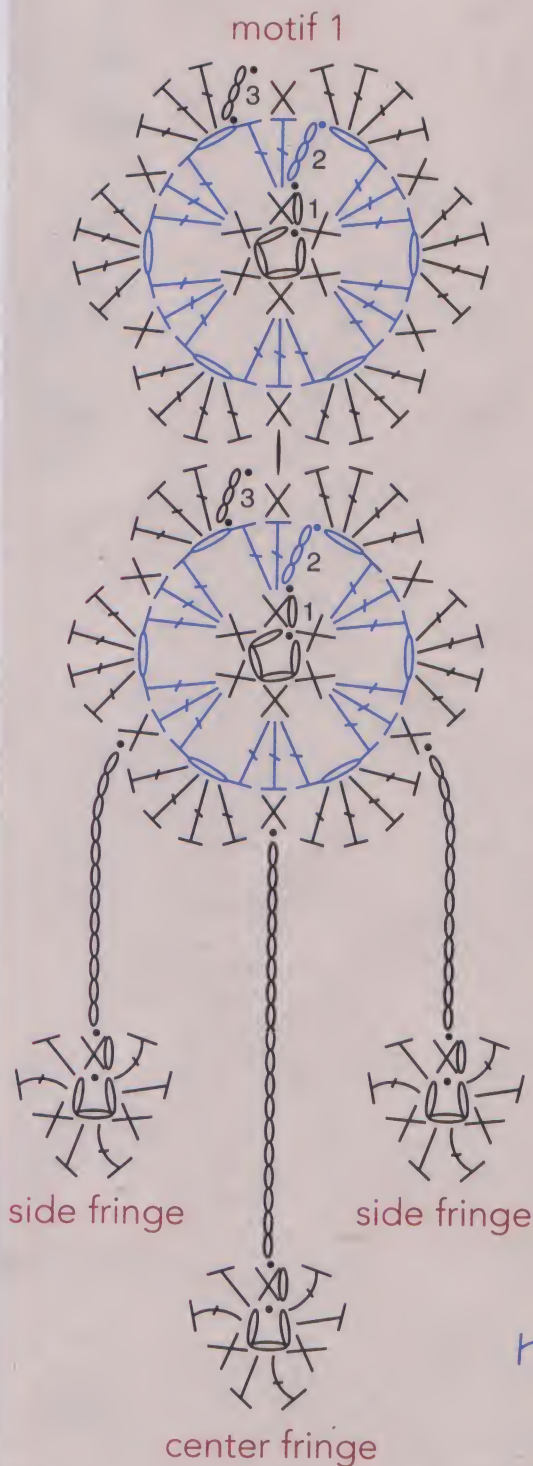
Flowers 5 and 7 Use one strand of A.

Flowers 6 and 8 Use one strand of B.

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daisy chain
scarf

tip

Label each motif as you complete it to help with assembly.

motif 1

loop stitch embroidery

For Motif II flowers only: Use one strand of C in yarn needle. From wrong side, secure yarn end with a few small backstitches. *Insert needle up through side edge of base of a tr of Round 3, then back down on opposite side of same stitch. Insert needle up through first point, then wrap yarn once around thumb to form a 1"/2.5cm lp. Insert needle down through second point, up through first point, then down through second point to secure lp; repeat from * 7 times more spacing lps evenly around center of flower. Fasten off on wrong side.

FLOWER FRINGE (make 6)

With C, ch 3. Join ch with a sl st forming a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, [sc, hdc, dc] 3 times in ring, join round with a sl st in first sc, ch 18 for fringe. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Make 6 fringe as follows:

Center fringe Make 2 ending with ch 18 for fringe.
Side fringe Make 4 ending with ch 12 for fringe (instead of ch 18).

finishing

Working from right to left, arrange flowers as shown in Assembly Diagram. Using one strand of matching yarn, sew flowers together through sc of last rounds. Sew center fringe to center sc at top edge of first flower, then sew a side fringe to sc before center sc and after center sc. Repeat at opposite end.

Weave in all loose ends. ■
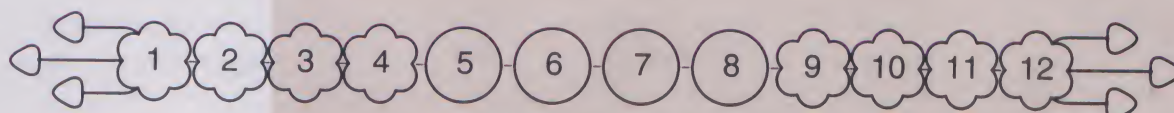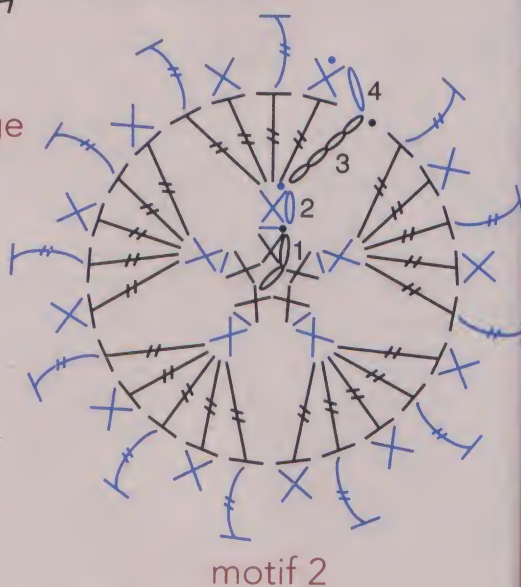
side fringe

side fringe

center fringe

motif 2

assembly diagram

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

mini mittens

Keep kids' hands toasty with these cute mitts. There's no sizing—just use a thinner yarn for smaller children or a bulkier one for tweens.

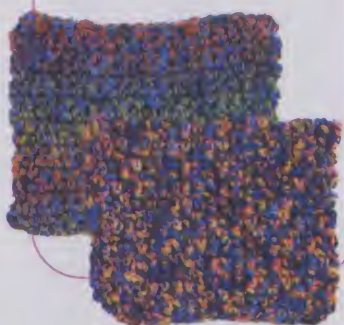By Linda Cyr

the yarn

5 *Caché* in Wink

4 *Cartwheel* in Raspberries

try this!

We love these colors for the mittens, too.

- *Caché* in Gypsy
- *Cartwheel* in Coral Reef

SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished sizes
Large mittens: 8"/20.5cm long x 4"/10cm across palm
Small mittens: 6½"/16.5cm long x 3¼"/8.5cm across palm

notes
Instructions are same for Large and Small sizes. Use Caché and J/10 (6mm) hook for Large size or Cartwheel and I/9 (5.5mm) hook for Small size. Instructions are same for left-hand and right-hand mitten.

gauge
12 sts + 13 rows = 4"/10cm in sc using Caché and J/10 (6mm) hook (for large mitten)

14 sts + 16 rows = 4"/10cm in sc using Cartwheel and I/9 (5.5mm) hook (for small mitten)

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With appropriate yarn and hook, ch 13 (for large mitten) or ch 15 (for small mitten).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 12 (14) sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in first sc and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3-13 (16) Repeat Row 2 eleven (fourteen) times more. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

MITTEN (make 2)
cuff
Beginning at cuff with yarn and hook for size of mitten desired, ch 8, leaving a 12"/30.5cm tail.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across – 7 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sk first sc, sc in back lp of next 6 sc across, sc in next ch. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3-20 Repeat Row 2 eighteen times more. At end of last row, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

Using tail, sew first and last rows together to form tube.

palm
note Insert stitch marker in last st of first round on palm and thumb sections and move up to last st of last round worked to mark end of round.

Round 1 Working along one edge of rows on cuff, join yarn with sc in first row of cuff, sc in next 3 rows, 2 sc in next row; *sc in next 4 rows, 2 sc in next row; repeat from * 2 times more – 24 sc.

Rounds 2-4 Sc in each sc around.

Round 5 Ch 4, sk next 4 sc (thumb opening made), sc in each rem sc around – 20 sc.

Round 6 Sc in next 4 chs, sc in each rem sc around – 24 sc.

Rounds 7-12 Sc in each sc around.

Round 13 *Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * 3 times more – 20 sts.

Round 14 *Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * 3 times more – 16 sts.

Round 15 *Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; repeat from * 3 times more – 12 sts.

Round 16 *Sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from * 3 times more – 8 sts.

Round 17 Sc2tog 4 times – 4 sts. Fasten off. Sew opening closed.

thumb
Round 1 Join yarn with sc in edge of last sc on round 4, sc in next 4 skipped sc on Round 5, sc in edge of first sc on Round 5, sc in free lp of 4 chs at beginning of Round 5 – 10 sc.

Rounds 2-6 Sc in each sc around.

Round 7 Sc2tog 5 times – 5 sts.

Round 8 Sc2tog 2 times; sl st in next st – 2 sts. Fasten off. Sew opening closed.

finishing
Weave in ends. ∎

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s) chain(s)
lp(s) loop(s)
rem remain(ing)
sc single crochet
sk skip
sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

special abbreviations

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

granny square throw

Beginners will love this easy pattern—it works up in no time, thanks to bulky yarn and a large hook.

By Susan McCreary

the yarn

6 *Light n Lofty* in Puff

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s)   chain(s)

dc   double crochet

sl st   slip stitch

sp   space

st(s)   stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements

45"/114cm wide x 67½"/171.5cm high

gauge

Rounds 1 and 2 = 5"/12.5cm diameter

One motif = 11¼"/28.5cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

MOTIF (make 24)

With A, ch 9; sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), 11 dc in ring – 12 dc. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; *2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around – 20 dc. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

Round 3 Join B with sl st in any dc, ch 3, dc in same dc; *2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around – 40 dc. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 4 Ch 3, dc in next 9 dc, ch 4; *dc in next 10 dc, ch 4; repeat from * around – 40 dc and 4 ch-4 sps. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

Round 5 Join A with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 on Round 4, ch 3, dc in next 9 dc, 4 dc in next ch-4 sp; *dc in next 10 dc, 4 dc in next ch-4 sp; repeat from * around – 56 dc. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

finishing

Align motifs side-by-side with wrong sides facing up. With yarn needle and A, whipstitch motifs together into 4 strips of 6 motifs each. Whipstitch rows together. Weave in all ends. ∎

HOW TO ATTACH THE MOTIFS

Place motifs side-by-side with wrong sides facing up. Starting at a corner, whipstitch through the back loops only of each single crochet stitch. (We used a contrasting yarn for photo purposes, but be sure to stitch in a matching color). Pull stitches snug as you work.

motif

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.
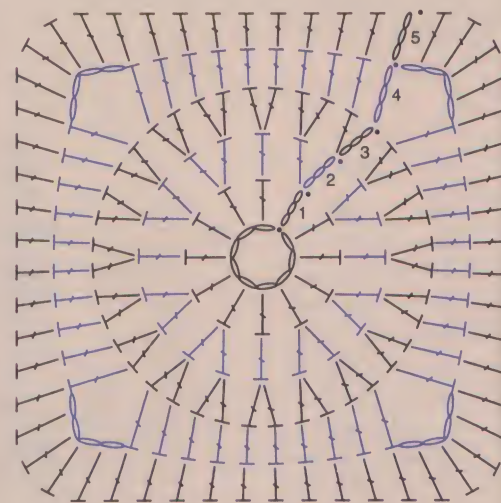
You can easily customize this afghan to any size by making a different number of motifs.

fisherman sweater

Show off your crochet cables skills with this sensational sweater!

By Joyce Nordstrom

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SKILL LEVEL: experienced

finished measurements
S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

Pattern is written for smallest size. Changes for larger sizes are given in parentheses.

finished chest: 38 (42, 46, 52, 56)"/96.5 (106.5, 116.5, 132, 142)cm

gauge
14 sts and 12 rows = 4"/10cm over hdc using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 16.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across – 14 hdc.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across.

Repeat Row 2 twenty more times. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

PATTERN STITCHES
note always remember to skip the stitch behind all FPdc and FPtr stitches.

TUSCAN CABLE (multiple of 14 sts)
Row 1 and all odd rows Hdc in each st across.

Row 2 FPdc around first hdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 4 hdc, sk 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 hdc 2 rows below; working in front of previous 2 FPtr, FPtr around 2 sked hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc; FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below.

Row 4 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 3 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below (slanted FPtr), hdc in next 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next 3 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below.

Row 6 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below,

hdc in next 2 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below.

Row 8 Repeat Row 4.

Row 10 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 4 hdc, sk 2 FPtr 2 rows below, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below; working in front of previous FPtr, FPtr around 2 sked FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below.

Repeat Rows 3-10 for pattern.

3-POST CABLE (multiple of 9 sts)
Row 1 and all odd rows Hdc in each st across.

Row 2 FPdc around first hdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 2 hdc, FPdc around next 3 hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 2 hdc; FPdc in next hdc 2 rows below.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch	chain	**rem**	remaining
dc	double crochet	**sc**	single crochet
dec	decrease(ing)	**sk(ed)**	skip(ped)
hdc	half double crochet	**sl st**	slip stitch
		st(s)	stitch(es)
lp(s)	loop	**yo**	yarn over

special abbreviations

PM Place marker.

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated stitch; yo and draw up lp, [yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice. Skip stitch behind FPdc.

FPtr (Front Post treble crochet) Yo twice, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st; yo and draw up lp, [yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times. Skip stitch behind FPtr.

popcorn Work 4 FPdc around indicated st; drop lp from hook, insert hook into top of first FPdc of popcorn and into dropped lp, draw dropped lp through first FPdc.

sc3tog (sc 3 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] 3 times, yo and draw through all 4 lps on hook.

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

If you're not ready to try this sweater, check out the cabled scarf on page 68.

fisherman sweater

tip

Always remember to skip the stitches behind the post stitches.

Row 4 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 2 hdc, sk first FPdc 2 rows below, FPdc around next 2 FPdc 2 rows below; working in front of previous 2 FPdc, FPdc around sked FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 2 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below.

Row 6 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 2 hdc, FPdc around next 3 FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 2 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below.

Repeat Rows 3-6 for pattern.

CELTIC BOBBLES (multiple of 13 sts)

Row 1 and all odd rows Hdc in each st across.

Row 2 FPdc around first hdc 2 rows below; (hdc in next 2 hdc, FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below) 4 times.

Row 4 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 5 hdc, popcorn around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 5 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below.

Row 6 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 4 hdc, popcorn around next hdc 2 rows below, FPdc around top of next popcorn 2 rows below, popcorn around next hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below.

Row 8 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 3 hdc, FPdc around next popcorn 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in next hdc, FPdc around next popcorn 2 rows below, hdc in next 3 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below.

Row 10 FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; (hdc in next 2 hdc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below) 4 times.

Repeat Rows 3-10 for pattern.

SWEATER BACK

Ch 68 (76, 84, 92, 100)

Foundation Row Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across – 66 (74, 82, 90, 98) hdc (2 sked ch are not counted as a st).

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 2 (cable set-up row – right side) Ch 2, turn, hdc in first 2 (6, 10, 14, 18) hdc; PM, work Row 2 of celtic bobbles pattern; PM, hdc in next hdc; PM, work Row 2 of 3-post cable pattern; PM, hdc in next hdc; PM, work Row 2 of tuscan cable pattern, PM; hdc in next hdc, PM; work Row 2 of 3-post cable pattern, PM; hdc in next hdc, PM; work Row 2 of celtic bobbles pattern, PM; hdc in last 2 (6, 10, 14, 18) hdc.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

note refer to markers placed in cable set-up row to help ensure proper placement of cable pattern stitches.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first 2 (6, 10, 14, 18) hdc; work Row 4 of celtic bobbles pattern; hdc in next hdc; work Row 4 of 3-post cable pattern; hdc in next hdc; work Row 4 of tuscan cable pattern; hdc in next hdc; work Row 4 of 3-post cable pattern; hdc in next hdc; work Row 4 of celtic bobbles pattern, PM; hdc in last 2 (6, 10, 14, 18) hdc.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Continue in established patterns, repeating each as necessary, until piece measures 21 (21½, 22, 22, 22½)"/53.5 (54.5, 56, 56, 57)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

SWEATER FRONT

Work as for Back until piece measures 13 (13, 13½, 13½, 14)"/33 (33, 34.5, 34.5, 35.5) cm from beginning; end by working a wrong side row.

left front

Work in established patterns across 31 (35, 39, 43, 47) sts, PM (for neck edge); leave rem sts unworked. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 4 times, then every 2nd row 8 times. Work even in established patterns on rem 19 (23, 27, 31, 35) sts until piece measures same as Back. Fasten off.

right front

Sk 4 unworked sts at marked neck edge. Join yarn in next st and work in established patterns across rem 31 (35, 39, 43, 47) sts. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 4 times, then every 2nd row 8 times. Work even in established patterns on rem 19 (23, 27, 31, 35) sts until piece measures same as Back. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (make 2)

Ch 29 (31, 33, 35, 37).

Foundation Row Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across – 27 (29, 31, 33, 35) hdc (2 sked ch are not counted as a st).

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 2 (cable set-up row – right side) Ch 2, turn, hdc in first 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) hdc; work Row 2 of 3-post cable pattern; hdc in next 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) hdc.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 4 (increase) Ch 2, turn, 2 hdc in first hdc (increase made), hdc in next 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) hdc; work Row 4 of 3-post cable pattern; hdc in next 8 (9, 10, 11,
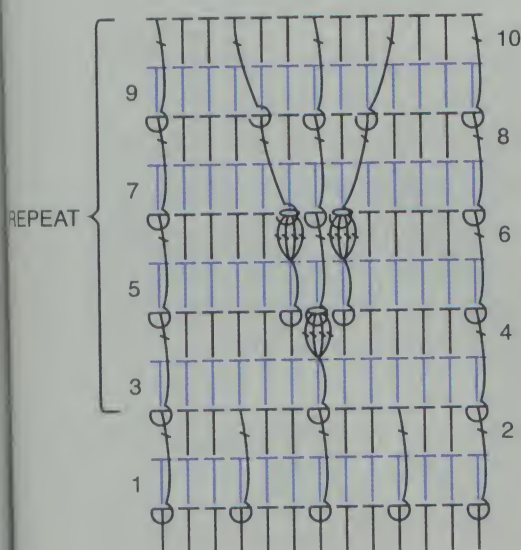
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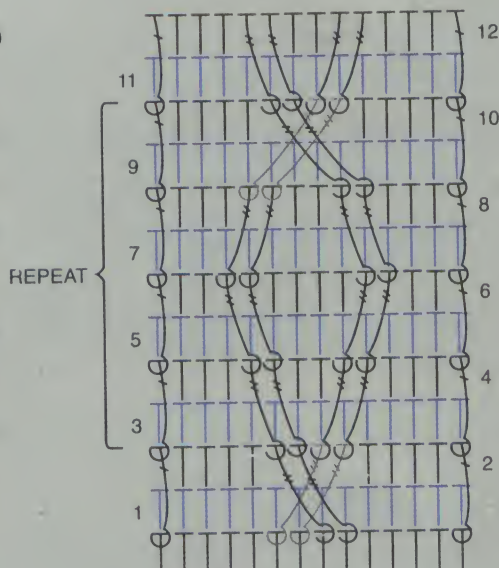sts u
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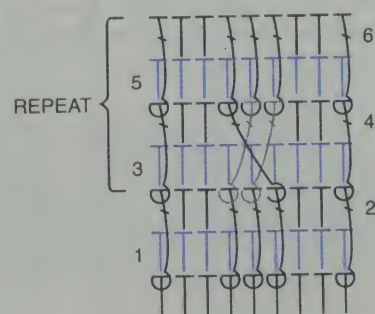neck
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3-post cable pattern

12) hdc, 2 hdc in last hdc – 29 (31, 33, 35, 37) sts.

Continue in established pattern. Increase 1 st on each edge every other row 2 (2, 2, 3, 4) more times, then every 3rd row 11 (11, 10, 10, 9) times. Work even in established pattern on rem 55 (57, 57, 61, 63) sts until piece measures 17 (17½, 17½, 18, 18)"/43 (44.5, 44.5, 45.5, 45.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

finishing
Sew shoulder seams. With top center of sleeve at shoulder seam, sew sleeves in place. Sew sleeve seams and sew side seams to within 2"/5cm of lower edge of sweater.

neck edging
With right side facing, join yarn in neck opening at top of left shoulder

Row 1 Work sc evenly spaced down left front, across center front, up right front and around back of neck, join with sl st in first sc.

Rows 2-4 Ch 1, working in back lps only, sc in each sc to 3 sc at center front, sc3tog, sc in rem sc

around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

lower edging
Row 1 Work sc evenly spaced around lower edge of sweater, working (sc, ch 1, sc) at each corner; join with sl st in first sc.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 1, working in back lps only, sc in each sc around, working (sc, ch 1, sc) in each ch-1 corner space; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

sleeve edging
Row 1 Work sc evenly spaced around cuff of sleeve; join with sl st in first sc.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 1, working in back lps only, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends. ∎
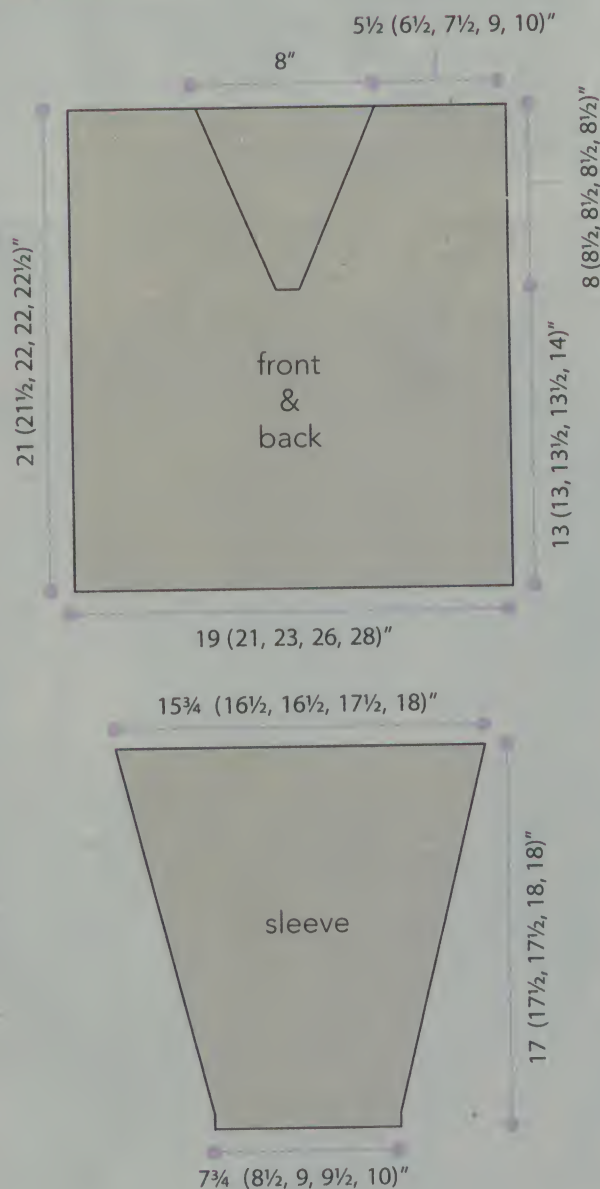
5½ (6½, 7½, 9, 10)"

8"

8 (8½, 8½, 8½, 8½)"

21 (21½, 22, 22, 22½)"

13 (13, 13½, 13½, 14)"

front
&
back

19 (21, 23, 26, 28)"

15¾ (16½, 16½, 17½, 18)"

17 (17½, 17½, 18, 18)"

sleeve

7¾ (8½, 9, 9½, 10)"

starter scarf

If you're new to cables, give this scarf a try. It's based on the Tuscan Cables repeat from the Fisherman Sweater. Once you've mastered this pattern, you may be ready to try the sweater!

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SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements
Approx 6"/15cm wide x 60"/152.5cm long

gauge
12 hdc and 10 rows = 4"/10cm square using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Work rows 1-10 of scarf. Garment should measure 6"/15cm wide x 4"/10cm long. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

note
Always remember to skip the stitch behind all FPdc and FPtr stitches.

SCARF
Ch 20.

Foundation Row Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across - 18 hdc.

Row 1 (wrong side) and all odd rows Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 2, turn, hdc in first 2 hdc, FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 4 hdc, sk 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 hdc 2 rows below; working in front of previous 2 FPtr, FPtr around 2 skipped hdc 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc; FPdc around next hdc 2 rows below, hdc in last 2 hdc.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first 2 hdc, FPdc around FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 3 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below (slanted FPtr), hdc in next 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below (slanted FPtr), hdc in next 3 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last 2 hdc.

Row 6 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first 2 hdc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 2 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next 2 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last 2 hdc.

Row 8 Repeat Row 4.

Row 10 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first 2 hdc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below; hdc in next 4 hdc, sk 2 FPtr 2 rows below, FPtr around next 2 FPtr 2 rows below; working in front of previous 2 FPtr, FPtr around 2 sked FPtr 2 rows below, hdc in next 4 hdc; FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, hdc in last 2 hdc.

Rows 11-146 Repeat Rows 3-10 seventeen times.

Row 147 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Fasten off.

finishing
Weave in all ends. ■

Make a longer or shorter scarf by repeating Rows 3-10 more or fewer times.

Remember, all odd-numbered rows are hdc only.

Row 2: First FPtc will be worked into the stitch indicated.

Row 2: after first two FPtcs have been worked.

Row 2: completed (note that the second two FPtcs now cross in front of the first two FPtcs).

Row 4: after working two FPtcs around two FPtrs two rows below.

Row 4: completed.

Row 6: after working two FPtcs around two FPtrs two rows below.

Row 6: completed.

Row 8: completed.

Row 10: after skipping first two FPtrs and working into second two FPtcs.

Row 10: working back into the two skipped FPtcs.

Row 10: completed.

Row 4: worked again, for pattern repeat.

comfy cushions

Curl up with a good book or your latest crochet project on these cozy (and easy to make!) floor cushions.

Designed by Bobbi Anderson

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s)	chain(s)
rem	remain(ing)
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
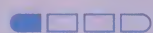
SKILL LEVEL: beginner

finished measurements
18"/45.5cm square x 4"/10cm thick

gauge
9 sc + 10 rows = 4"/10cm
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 10.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across — 9 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2-10 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

note
Yarn amounts given will make two cushions. Instructions are written for Cushion 1; to make Cushion 2, reverse placement of A and B throughout.

FRONT AND BACK (make 2)
With A, ch 41.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across — 40 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3 and 4 Repeat Row 2 two times more, changing to B in last sc of Row 4. With B, ch 1, turn.

Rows 5 and 6 With B, repeat Row 2 two times more, changing to A in last sc of Row 6. With A, ch 1, turn.

Rows 7–10 With A, repeat Row 2 four times more, changing to B in last sc of Row 10. With B, ch 1, turn.

Rows 11-16 With B, repeat Row 2 six times more, changing to A in last sc of Row 16. With A, ch 1, turn.

Rows 17-45 With A, repeat Row 2 twenty-nine times more. At end of Row 45, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

TOP AND BOTTOM SIDES (make 2)
With A, ch 41.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across — 40 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3-10 Repeat row 2 eight times more. At end of row 10, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES (make 2)
With A, ch 10.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across — 9 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 3-45 Repeat Row 2 forty-three times more. At end of row 45, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

blocking
Place pieces in lukewarm water for 5-10 minutes. Squeeze out excess water and pin to measurements of 18"/45.5cm square for front and back and 18"/45.5cm x 4"/10cm for all sides. Allow to dry completely.

assembly
With wrong sides of front and top side together and working through both thicknesses, with A, join last row of front to first row of top side with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same sc and in each sc across to corner. Do not fasten off. Continue joining rem 3 sides to front with sc in each sc across each 18"/45.5cm edge of front to each 18"/45.5cm edge of sides through both thicknesses, matching left side to left edge of front, last row of bottom side to first row of front and right side to right edge of front. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Place partially assembled cushion cover right side down on flat surface. Place foam form on top and place back on top of form with right side facing, rotating if necessary so that last row of back matches last row of top side. With A, join back to each side in same manner as front. Fasten off. Join A with sl st at any corner through both thicknesses, ch 1, sc in same sc and in each sc across 4"/10cm edge to join corner edge together. Repeat in each corner.

finishing
Weave in all ends. ■

Ask to have foam cut
to size at an
upholstery shop.

cool caps

Tweens will love these fun and funky hats. Embellish them any way you like for a truly personal touch!

Designed by Shiri Mor

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
18"-20"/45.5cm-51cm around brim

gauge
8 sc + 9 rows = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With one strand of A or C, or two strands of B or D held together, ch 9.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across – 8 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2-9 Sc in first sc and in each rem sc across. Ch 1, turn. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

note
For Hats 2 and 4, use 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.

HAT 1
With one strand of A, ch 4. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, 6 sc in ring – 6 sc. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around – 12 sc. Join.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around – 18 sc. Join.

Round 4 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around – 24 sc. Join.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around – 30 sc. Join.

Round 6 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around – 36 sc. Join.

Rounds 7-18 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

brim
Round 19 Ch 1, turn. Sc in back lp of next sc and in back lp of each sc around. Join.

Rounds 20-23 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join. At end of last round, fasten off. Fold brim up.

HAT 2
With 2 strands of B held together throughout, ch 4. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1-18 Repeat Rounds 1-18 of Hat 1.

Round 19 Ch 1; *rev sc yo in next st to right of last st; repeat from * around – 36 rev sc. Join with sl st in first rev sc. Fasten off.
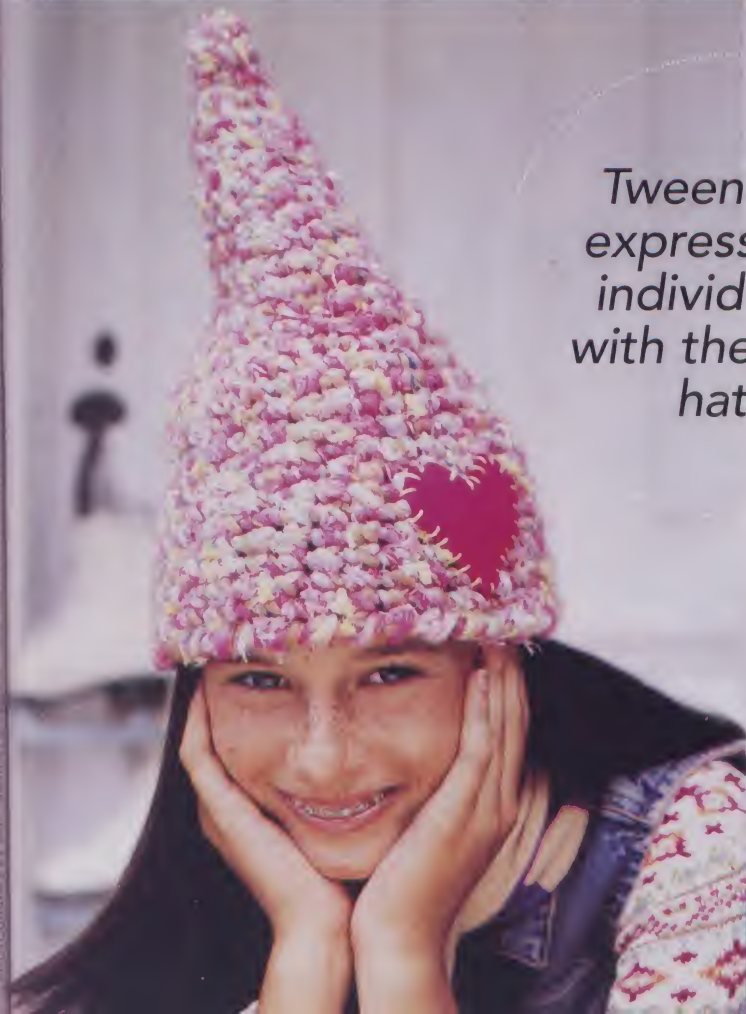
HAT 3
With one strand of C, ch 4. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, 6 sc in ring – 6 sc. Join with sl st in first sc.

the yarn

6 *Swerve* in Tickle

5 *Gleam* in Amythyst

6 *Rag Doll* in Pinky

5 *Kooky* in Black

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s)   chain(s)

lp(s)   loop(s)

rem   remain(ing)

rev sc   reverse single crochet

sc   single crochet

sl st   slip stitch

st(s)   stitch(es)

yo   yarn over

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

special abbreviations

rev sc yo insert hook in next st to right of last st and draw up a lp, yo and draw through both lps on hook.

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

for him!

Tweens can
express their
individuality
with these fun
hats!

A great project for new crocheters—practice increasing and crocheting in the round.

Rounds 2 and 3 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Round 4 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around — 12 sc. Join.

Rounds 5 and 6 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Round 7 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around — 18 sc. Join.

Rounds 8 and 9 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Round 10 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around — 24 sc. Join.

Rounds 11 and 12 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Round 13 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around — 30 sc. Join.

Rounds 14 and 15 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Round 16 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around — 36 sc. Join.

Rounds 17-28 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around. Join.

Round 29 Ch 1; *rev sc in next st to right of last st; repeat from * around — 36 rev sc. Join with sl st in first rev sc. Fasten off.

HAT 4
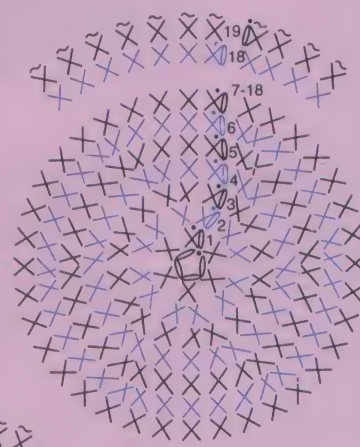With 2 strands of D held together throughout, ch 4. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1-29 Repeat Rounds 1-29 on Hat 3.
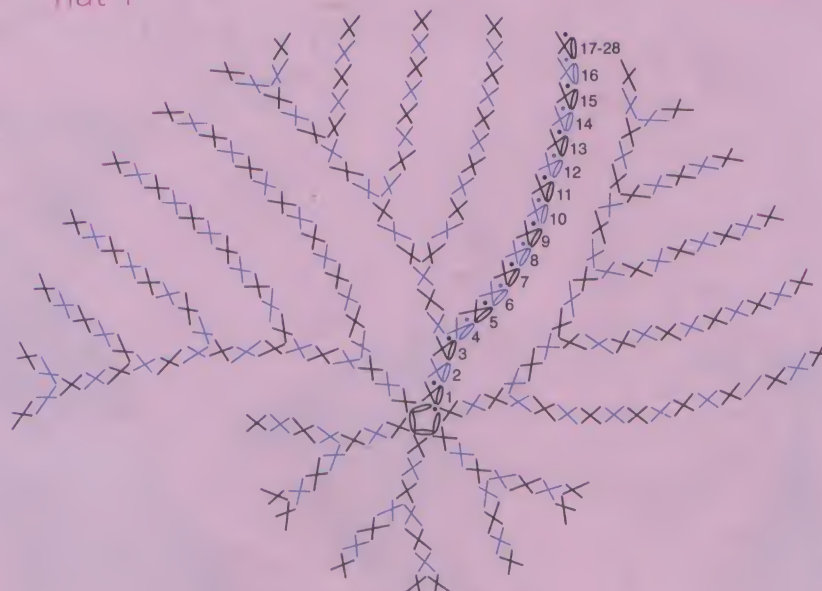
finishing
Weave in all ends. If desired, weave ribbon through eyelets on brim on hat #2 and add rhinestone pin, or stitch on felt embellishment with contrasting thread to hats. ∎
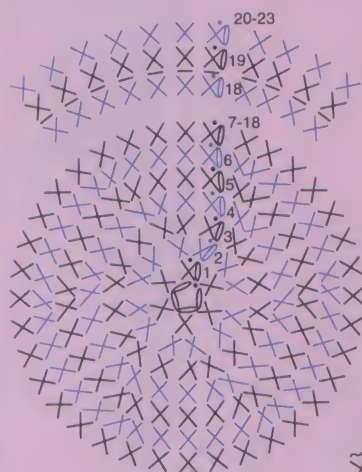
hat 1

hat 2

hats 3 and 4

dainty doggie

You'll love stitching this adorable, portable poodle—she's doggone cute!

By Melissa Hicks

the yarn

Aunt Lydia's New Wave Crochet in Bone

5 *Ticker Tape* in Suede

SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements

Poodle: 6"/15cm tall x 6"/15cm long from nose to tail

Basket: 4"/10cm wide x 4"/10cm deep x 3"/7.5cm high (excluding handles)

gauge

With A, 20 sc and 18 rows = 4"/10cm using size C/2 (2.75mm) crochet hook.

With B, 18 sc and 18 rows = 4"/10cm using size E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

Rounds 1- 5 of poodle head should measure 2"/5cm in diameter worked using size C/2 (2.75mm) crochet hook and A. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Rows 1-18 of basket should measure 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm worked using size E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook and B. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notes

1 Gauge should be tight so that toy will be sturdy and fiberfill will not show through stitches.

2 Rounds are worked in continuous spirals. Do not join rounds and do not turn. Use stitch marker to track rounds, moving it every round, placing it in last stitch of round just worked.

POODLE

Use A and C/2 (2.75mm) hook for all parts of poodle.

head
Ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

Round 3 *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 18 sc.

Round 4 *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 24 sc.

Round 5 *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 30 sc.

Round 6 *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 36 sc.

Round 7 *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 42 sc.

Rounds 8-12 Sc in each sc around.

Round 13 *Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 5 more times - 36 sc.

Round 14 Sc in each sc around.

Round 15 *Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 5 more times - 30 sc.

Round 16 *Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 5 more times - 24 sc. Fasten off.

ear (make 2)
Ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

Round 3 *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 18 sc.

Rounds 4-9 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

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dainty doggy

muzzle
Ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 6 sc.

Round 2 *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 2 more times - 9 sc.

Round 3 *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 2 more times - 12 sc.

Round 4 *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 2 more times - 15 sc.

Round 5 *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 2 more times - 18 sc. Fasten off.

assemble head
Stuff muzzle with fiberfill and sew onto front of head, approximately 10 rounds down from top of head. Position safety eyes on either side of muzzle; secure with backs of safety eyes. If making this toy for a child less than three years, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes. Using photograph as a guide, embroider nose and mouth. Stuff head firmly with fiberfill. Sew ears to either side of head, approximately 5 rounds down from top of head. Ensure that ears lie flat by sewing down a few rows on each side at top of ears.

body
Ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

Round 3 *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 18 sc.

Round 4 *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 24 sc.

Round 5 *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 more times - 30 sc.

Rounds 6-15 Sc in each sc around.

Round 16 *Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 5 more times - 24 sc.

Round 17 *Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 5 more times - 18 sc. Do not fasten off. Fill body firmly with fiberfill.

Round 18 *Sc in next sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 5 more times - 12 sc.

Round 19 Sc2tog 6 times - 6 sc. Fasten off.

leg (make 4)
Ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

Rounds 3-10 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off and fill firmly with fiberfill.

tail
Ch 2.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook - 8 sc.

Rounds 2-7 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off and fill firmly with fiberfill.

finishing
Weave in ends.

Using a double strand of sewing thread and small stitches, sew head to upper side of body. Sew legs to lower side of body; position legs so that they're evenly spaced and allow poodle to stand. Sew tail to top end of body.

BASKET
Use B and E/4 (3.5mm) hook for all parts of basket.

basket base
Ch 19.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across to end - 18 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 10"/25.5cm from beginning. Fasten off.

sides (work 2 times)
Mark 3"/7.5cm from each end of long side of basket rectangle. Join B in side at first marker.

Row 1 Ch 1, working in ends of rows, sc in end of each row across to second marker.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Repeat Row 2 until side piece measures 3"/7.5cm. Repeat on other long side of basket rectangle. (Shape will resemble a plus sign).

handle (make 2)
Ch 5.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across to end - 4 sc.

Row 2 Sc in each sc across.

Repeat Row 2 until handle measures 9½"/24cm. Fasten off.

finishing
Fold up sides of basket and whipstitch together on right side.

basket edging
With C/2 (2.75mm) hook, join B in any top corner of basket.

Round 1 Work sc evenly spaced around top edge of basket.

Round 2 Sc in each sc around; sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Referring to photograph for placement, sew ends of handles onto top edge of two long sides of basket. Weave in all ends. ■

kids' first projects

Help your cool kid learn to crochet with these fun projects—all just right for beginners!

Designed by Kim Kotary

the yarn

[4] *Super Saver* in Bikini

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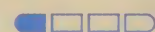
SKILL LEVEL: beginner

finished measurements
Headband: 18"/ 45.5cm long x 1"/2.5cm wide

Wristband: 6"/15cm long x 1"/2.5cm wide

Belt: 36"/91.5cm long x 1"/2.5cm wide

gauge
12 sc + 13 rows = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

BASIC STRIP
Note Strip is 1"/2.5cm wide; make it in different lengths to create headband, wristband or belt.

With desired color, ch 4.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s)   chain(s)
sc   single crochet
st(s)   stitch(es)

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs – 3 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until desired length. At end of last row, do not ch 1. Fasten off.

finishing
Fold headband or wristband in half with first and last rows together. Sew first and last rows together. Weave in all ends.

If desired, use yarn needle to weave yarn in contrasting colors through sc sts.

FRINGE (for belt)
With desired color, cut 12 pieces of yarn 6"/15cm long. Fold 2 pieces in half. Using crochet hook, pull fold through a st at end of belt. Pull ends of yarn through fold and pull tight to secure. Repeat 2 times more on same end of belt, inserting yarn in 2 different sts. Attach 3 fringes on other end of belt in same manner. Trim all fringes to same length. ■

This super-easy pattern (it's just a basic strip of single crochet) can be made into lots of different accessories by varying its length. Sit down with a child and help him or her to craft one of these cute headbands, belts or wristbands. Flip the page for tips on teaching kids crochet.

hooded
blankie

Wrap baby in comfort with this super-soft blanket. Chenille-like yarn adds a lush touch, but simple stitches make it quick and easy!

By Michele Wilcox

the yarn
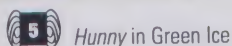
🧶 5 *Hunny* in Green Ice

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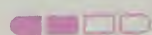
SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
29" x 29"/73.5 x 73.5cm

gauge
11 sts = 4"/10cm and 4 rows = 3"/7.5cm over (sc, dc) pattern using size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With A, ch 13.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across – 12 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, dc in first st [first (sc, dc) group made], sk next st, *(sc, dc) in next st, sk next st; repeat from * across; end with sc in turning ch – 6 (sc, dc) groups + sc at end of row.

Repeat Row 2 two more times. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10 cm wide and 3"/7.5 cm long. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

BLANKET
With A, ch 79.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across – 78 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, dc in first st, [first (sc, dc) group made], sk next st, *(sc, dc) in next st, sk next st; repeat from * across; end with sc in turning ch – 39 (sc, dc) groups + sc at end of row.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 28¾"/73cm.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch   chain
dc   double crochet
rem   remain(ing)
sc   single crochet
sk   skip
sl st   slip stitch
st(s)   stitch(es)
*   Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

Next Row Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

HOOD
With A, ch 2.

Row 1 Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook – 3 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in last sc – 5 sc.

Rows 3-5 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc – 11 sc at end of Row 5.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Rows 7-18 Repeat Rows 3-6 three times – 29 sc at end of Row 18.

Row 19 Repeat Row 3 – 31 sc.

Row 20 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

hood edging
Turn work. Join B with sc in first sc.

Row 1 Sc in each rem sc across.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc – 33 sc.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn, sl st in first sc, *sk 1 sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk 1 sc, sl st in next sc, ch 3, sl st in same sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.

finishing
Pin hood in place over one corner of blanket and whipstitch in place.

If you'd like to add a trim to this blanket, just work the hood edging along all sides.

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

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hooded
blankie

POM-POM (make 4)

If using a pom-pom maker, follow the package directions to make 2 pom-poms with B.

To make a pom-pom with 3 ½"/9cm piece of heavy cardboard, cut a 12"/30.5cm length of B and set aside; this is the tying yarn. Wrap B around the cardboard 80 times. Carefully slide loops off cardboard and tie very tightly in center with tying yarn. Cut loops on each end. Fluff and trim pom-pom. Using long ends of tying yarn, sew one pom-pom to each corner of blanket.

Weave in all ends.■

tip

For a striped blanket, simply change colors every two rows as you stitch.

reduced sample of edging
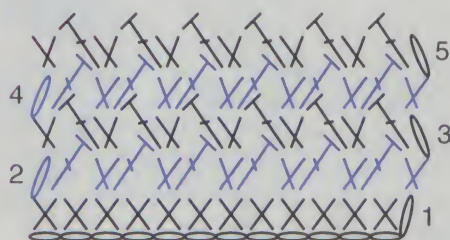
reduced sample of blanket pattern

hood

REPEAT
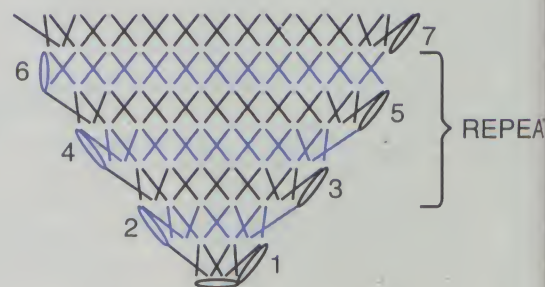
blanket

29"

29"

simple baby blanket

If you find patterns difficult to follow, this easy project is for you! We've written it with no abbreviations, making it simple to stitch.

By Candi Jensen

the yarn

4 *Baby Amore* in Light Blue

Symbol used in this pattern

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
32"/81.5cm x 30"/76cm including circles

gauge
13 stitches and 10 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern stitch using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Chain 15.

Row 1 Half double crochet in 2nd chain from hook and each chain to end – 14 half double crochet.

Row 2 Chain 2, turn, half double crochet in front loop only of first stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch, *half double crochet in front loop only of next stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch; repeat from * across row.

Repeat Row 2 eight more times for a total of 10 rows. Swatch should measure about 4" x 4"/10 x 10 cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

making the blanket
Work begins with the main body of the blanket. 32 circles, 8 of each color, are then made and sewn around the edges of the blanket.

BLANKET
With A, chain 85.

If you'd prefer to follow this pattern with abbreviations, you can find it at CrochetToday.com.

Row 1 Half double crochet in 2nd chain from hook and each chain to end – 84 half double crochet.

Row 2 Chain 2, turn, half double crochet in front loop only of first stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch, *half double crochet in front loop only of next stitch, half double crochet in back loop only of next stitch; repeat from *across row.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 24"/61cm from beginning. Do not fasten off.

Edging Round Chain 2, do not turn; working in ends of rows along side, single crochet in end of each row along side; work 3 single crochet in corner; working on opposite side of foundation chain, single crochet in each chain across; work 3 single crochet in corner; working in ends of rows along opposite side, single crochet in end of each row along side; work 3 single crochet in corner; single crochet in each stitch across to end; join with slip stitch in first single crochet. Fasten off.

CIRCLE (make 32; 8 in each color)
Chain 4; form a ring by working a slip stitch in the first chain.

Round 1 Chain 2, work 8 half double crochets into

tip
When working the circles, do not work into the joining slip stitch. It does not count as a stitch.

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

Easy-to-follow
pattern, written
with no
abbreviations!

simple
baby blanket

the ring; join by working a slip stitch in the first half double crochet.

Round 2 Chain 2, work 2 half double crochet in each stitch around; join by working a siip stitch in the first half double crochet — 16 half double crochet.

**Round 3** Chain 2, work 1 half double crochet in first stitch, 2 half double crochet in next stitch, *half double crochet in next stitch, 2 half double crochet in next stitch; repeat from * around; join by working a slip stitch in the first half double crochet — 24 half double crochet.

Fasten off.

Repeat the circle instructions to make 8 circles in each color, for a total of 32 circles.

finishing
With right sides of circles all facing in the same direction, place circles around outer edge of blanket, alternating colors. Sew 1 circle to each corner, 8 circles along each long edge, and 6 circles along each short edge. Sew edges of each circle to blanket and to edges of circles on either side.
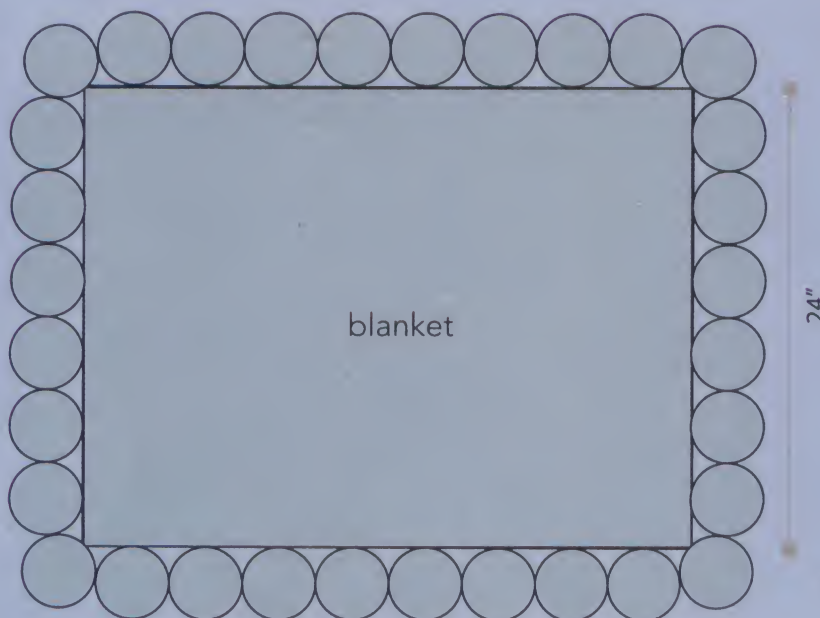Weave in all ends. ■

stitch diagram

EDGING ROUND

reduced sample of
blanket pattern

blanket

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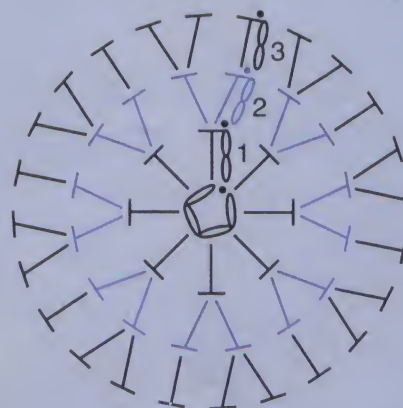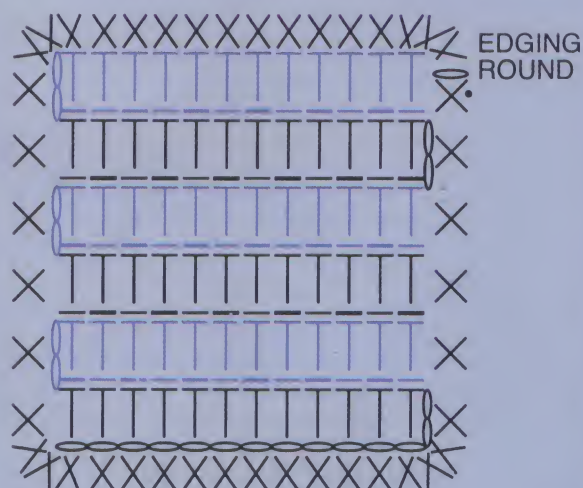
stroller blanket

Just the right size for covering baby in a carriage, this blanket makes a perfect accessory for parents on the go.

Designed by Michele Wilcox

SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
26"/66cm wide x 30"/76cm long

gauge
14 sts + 10 rows = 4"/10cm

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across – 14 sc. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row now and throughout), turn.

Row 2 Dc in next sc and in each rem sc across – 14 dc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 3 Sk first dc; *dc in next dc, sl st in next dc; repeat from * across; dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 7 dc, 6 sl sts and 1 ch. Ch 3, turn.

Row 4 *Dc in next sl st, dc in next dc; repeat from * across; dc in turning ch-1 – 14 dc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 5-10 Repeat rows 3 and 4 three times more. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/ 10.2cm x 10.2cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BLANKET
Beginning at bottom edge; with A, ch 80.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across – 79 sc. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row now and throughout), turn.

Row 2 (right side) Dc in next sc and in each rem sc across – 79 dc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 3 Sk first dc, dc in next dc; *sl st in next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across; sl st in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 39 dc and 40 sl sts. Ch 3, turn.

Row 4 Dc in next dc; *dc in next sl st, dc in next dc; repeat from * across; dc in turning ch-1 – 79 dc. Fasten off A. Turn.

Row 5 Join B with sl st in first dc, dc in next dc; *sl st in next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across; sl st in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 39 dc and 40 sl sts. Fasten off B. Turn.

Row 6 Join A with sl st in first sl st, ch 3 (counts as dc); *dc in next dc, dc in next sl st; repeat from * across – 79 dc. Fasten off A. Turn.

Row 7 Join C with sl st in first dc, dc in next dc; *sl st in next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across; sl st in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 39 dc and 40 sl sts. Fasten off C. Turn.

Rows 8 Join A with sl st in first sl st, ch 3 (counts as dc); *dc in next dc, dc in next sl st; repeat from * across – 79 dc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 9 Repeat Row 3.

Row 10 Dc in next dc; *dc in next sl st, dc in next dc; repeat from * across; dc in turning ch-1 – 79 dc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 11 and 12 Repeat Rows 9 and 10 once. At end of Row 12, fasten off A. Turn.

Rows 13-36 Repeat rows 5-12 three times more.

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Row 37 Repeat Row 7.

Row 38 Repeat Row 6.

Row 39 Repeat Row 5.

Rows 40-44 Repeat Rows 8-12.

Rows 45-60 Repeat Rows 37-44 two times more.

Rows 61-66 Repeat Rows 37-42 once.

Row 67 Sc in first dc and in each dc across, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 79 sc. Ch 1, turn. Do not fasten off.

edging

Round 1 Work 3 sc in first sc (corner made), sc in next 77 sc across top, 3 sc in last sc (corner made), sc in left edge of Rows 66-2, working 2 sc around post of each dc on even numbered rows and 1 sc in each sl st or ch on odd numbered rows, 3 sc in edge of row 1 (corner made), sc in free lp of next 77 chs across bottom, 3 sc in free lp of last ch (corner made), sc in right edge of rows 2-66, working 2 sc around turning ch-3 sps of each even numbered row and 1 sc in each sl st on odd numbered rows – 362 sc. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A.

Round 2 Join B with sl st in 2nd sc of 3 sc in any corner, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sc as joining; 3 dc in next sc; *2 dc in next sc and in each sc across to next corner**; 3 dc in each of 3 sc in corner; repeat from * 3 times more, ending final repeat at **; 3 dc in first sc of 3 sc in last corner – 736 dc. Join with sl st in first sc.

Round 3 Sl st in next dc, ch 1, sc in same dc;* sk next 2 dc, shell in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * to next corner; sc in next dc; repeat from * around – 122 shells. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B.

finishing

Weave in all ends. ∎

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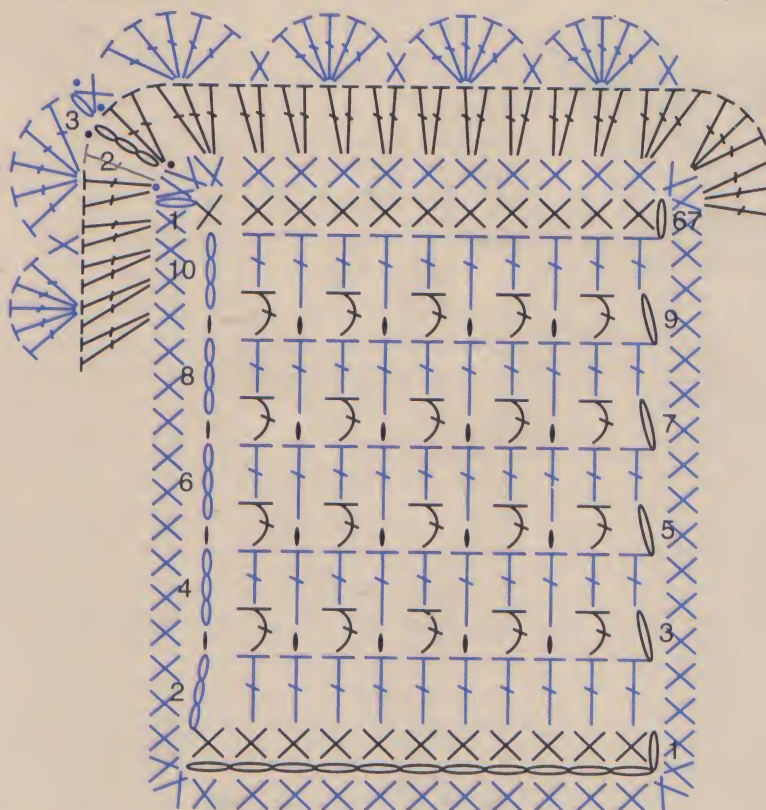
reduced sample of pattern

A lovely and
quick baby gift!

rugged vest

Keep your guy warm in style with this casual vest, perfect for workdays and weekends alike.

By Robyn Chachula

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SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

sizes
S (M, L, 1X, 2X)
finished chest: 42 (45, 48, 51, 54)"/106.5 (114, 122, 129.5, 137)cm

gauge
16 sts and 27 rows = 4"/10cm in spike st pat using A and size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With smaller hook and A, ch 18.

Row 1 Work Row 1 of spike st pat (below). Continue working spike st pat for a total of 27 rows. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

note
Vest is constructed in one piece up to the arm openings, divided into sections, and then the back and right front, and left front panels are worked separately.

PATTERN STITCHES
spike st pat (multiple of 2 + 1 sts)
Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, *sp-2 over next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in first st; sc in each sp-2 and sp-2 over each sc across to last st; sc in last st.

Repeat Row 2 for pattern.

crunch st pat (multiple of 2 + 1 sts)
Row 1 Turn, sl st in first st, *hdc in next st, sl st in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn, sk first sl st, *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across.

Rows 3 and 4 Repeat Rows 1 and 2.

Rows 5 and 6 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Repeat Rows 1-6 for pattern.

VEST BODY
Using smaller hook and A, ch 168 (180, 192, 204, 216).

Foundation Row (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across – 167 (179, 191, 203, 215) sts.

Row 1 Work Row 1 of spike st pat.

Continue in spike st pat until body measures 13 (13½, 13 ½, 14, 14)"/33 (34.5, 34.5, 35.5, 35.5)cm. End by working a wrong side row. Fasten off A.

RIGHT FRONT PANEL
From right side and using larger hook, join B in first st.

ARMHOLE SHAPING
Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in first 38 (40, 44, 46, 50)

Graphic stripes lend a modern edge to this classic shape.

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rugged vest

tip

Be careful not to stretch the crochet fabric when attaching the zipper. Pin it in place or tack it down with fabric glue before sewing.

sts, leave rem sts unworked.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across – 37 (39, 43, 45, 49) sts.

Row 3 Turn, sl st in first sc, *hdc in next st, sl st in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 4 Turn, sk first sl st, *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across – 36 (38, 42, 44, 48) sts.

Row 5 Turn, sl st in first hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last st; leave last st unworked – 35 (37, 41, 43, 47) sts.

Row 6 Repeat Row 4 – 34 (36, 40, 42, 46) sts.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog – 33 (35, 39, 41, 45) sts.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc across – 32 (34, 38, 40, 44) sts.

Rows 9-12 Turn, *sl st in next st, hdc in next st; repeat from * across.

Rows 13 and 14 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Rows 15-26 Repeat Rows 9-14 twice. Fasten off B.

From right side, with smaller hook, join C in first st.

Row 27 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 28 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, *sp-2 over next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last st, sc in last st.

Continue in spike st pat until front panel measures 19½ (22½, 22½, 23½, 24)"/54.5 (57, 57, 59.5, 61)cm. End by working a wrong side row. Fasten off C.

NECK SHAPING
From right side, sk first 10 (10, 11, 11, 12) sts. Place marker (for neck edge) and join C in next st.

Row 1 (right side) Work in spike st pat across – 22 (24, 27, 29, 32) sts.

Rows 2-5 Work in spike st pat, dec 1 st at neck edge each row – 18 (20, 23, 25, 28) sts.

Work even in spike st pat until neck opening measures 2"/5cm. End by working a right side row.

SHOULDER SHAPING
Row 1 (wrong side) Turn, sl st in first 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across rem 15 (16, 19, 20, 23) sts.

Row 2 Work in spike st pat across to last 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 12 (12, 15, 15, 18) sts.

Row 3 Turn, sl st in first 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across rem 9 (9, 11, 11, 13) sts.

Row 4 Work in spike st pat across to last 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) sts.

Row 5 Turn, sl st in first 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) sts, work in spike st pat across rem 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) sts. Fasten off C.

BACK PANEL
From right side, sk 8 sts following Right Front Panel (for underarm). With larger hook, join B in next st.

ARMHOLE SHAPING
Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in next 75 (83, 87, 95, 99) sts; leave rem sts unworked.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog – 73 (81, 85, 93, 97) sts.

Row 3 Turn, sl st in first sc, *hdc in next sc, sl st in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 4 Turn, sk first sl st, *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, sl st in last hdc, leave last sl st unworked – 71 (79, 83, 91, 95) sts.

Rows 5 and 6 Continue in crunch st pat and repeat Row 4 shaping twice – 67 (75, 79, 87, 91) sts.

Rows 7 and 8 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog – 63 (71, 75, 83, 87) sts.

Rows 9-26 Work in crunch st pat. Fasten off B.

From right side, with smaller hook, join C in first st.

Row 27 Ch 1, sc in each sc across.

Row 28 Work Row 1 of spike st pat.

Continue in spike st pat until back measures 21½ (24½, 24½, 25½, 26)"/54.5 (62, 62, 65, 66)cm from beginning. End by working a right side row.

SHOULDER SHAPING
Row 1 (wrong side) Turn, sl st in first 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across next 15 (16, 19, 20, 23) sts; leave rem sts unworked.

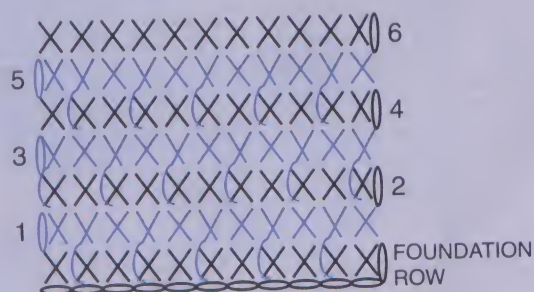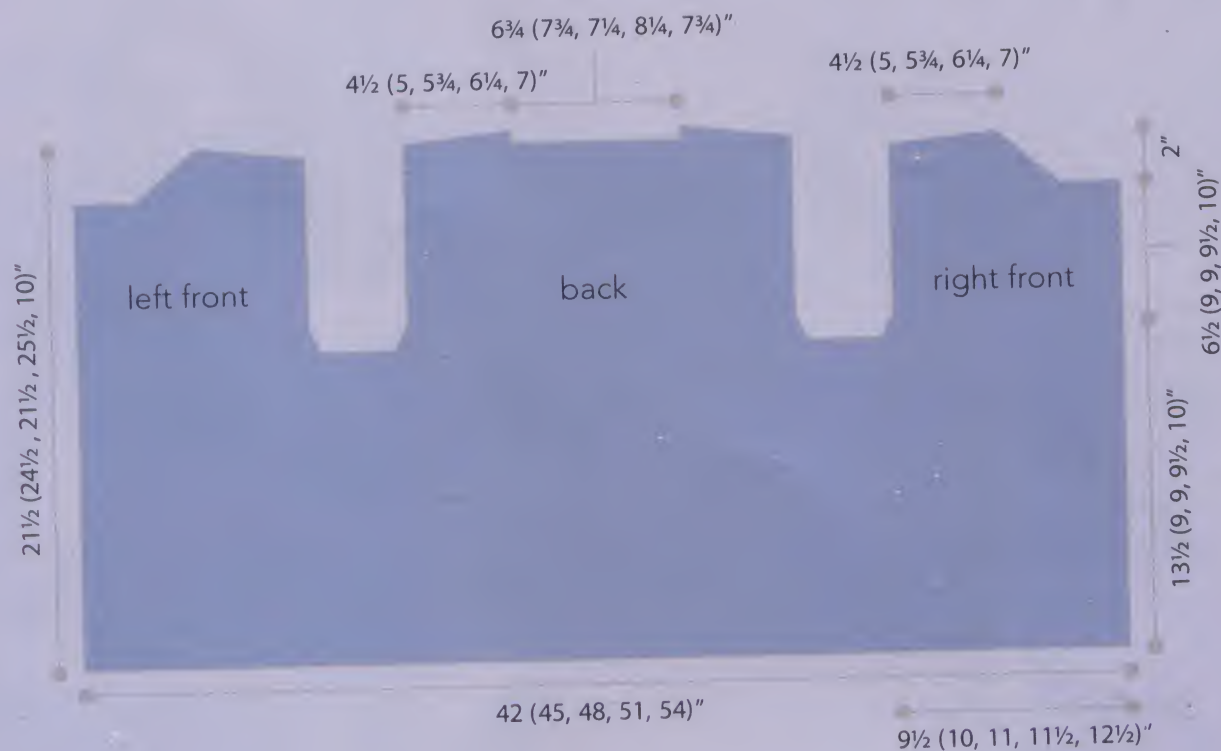**Rows 2-5** Work Row 2-5 of Right Front Panel shoulder shaping. Fasten off C.

OPPOSITE SHOULDER SHAPING
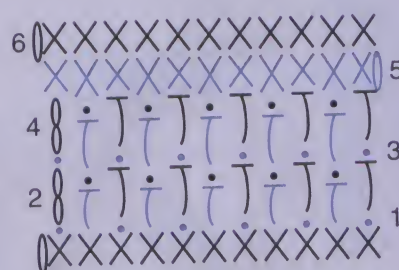From wrong side, sk 27 (31, 29, 33, 31) unworked sts (for neck). With smaller hook, join C.

Row 1 Work in spike st pat across next 15 (16, 19, 20, 23) sts; leave rem sts unworked.

Row 2 Turn, sl st in first 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across rem 12 (12, 15, 15, 18) sts.

Row 3 Work in spike st pat across to last 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 9 (9, 11, 11, 13) sts.

6¾ (7¾, 7¼, 8¼, 7¾)"

4½ (5, 5¾, 6¼, 7)"   4½ (5, 5¾, 6¼, 7)"

2"

left front   back   right front

21½ (24½, 21½, 25½, 10)"

6½ (9, 9, 9½, 10)"

13½ (9, 9, 9½, 10)"

42 (45, 48, 51, 54)"

9½ (10, 11, 11½, 12½)"

reduced sample of
spike stitch pattern

FOUNDATION ROW

reduced sample of
crunch stitch pattern

Row 4 Turn, sl st in first 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across rem – 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) sts.

Row 5 Work in spike st pat across to last 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) sts. Fasten off C.

LEFT FRONT PANEL

From right side, sk 8 sts following Back panel (for underarm). With larger hook, join B in next st. Work as for Right Front Panel, reversing shaping.

finishing

Sl st shoulder seams together.

arm bands

From right side, with smaller hook, join C in underarm, ch 6.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across; join with 2 sl st in arm opening (first sl st joins arm band to body, second counts as turning ch).

Row 2 Turn, sk both sl sts; working in back lps only, sc in each sc across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back lps only, sc in each sc across; join with 2 sl st in arm opening.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 evenly spaced around arm opening. Fasten off C leaving a long tail for sewing. With yarn needle, whipstitch ends together.

body ribbing

From right side, with smaller hook, join A in lower front corner of Front Right Panel, ch 6.

Continue as for arm bands. Do not sew ends together.

collar

From right side, with smaller hook, join C in top edge of Front Left Panel, ch 13. Continue as for arm bands. Do not sew ends together.

Using sewing needle and matching thread, sew zipper into vest starting at ribbing and continuing up to the collar.

Weave in all ends. ■

preppy purse

Here's a perfect learning project for mid-level crocheters. Try out several intermediate techniques on this small-scale (instant gratification!) tote.

By Robyn Chachula
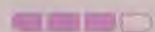
SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements

Approx 7" x 10" x 1½"/18 x 25.5 x 4cm, without handles

gauge

20 sts and 13 rows = 4"/10cm over hdc using size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

Ch 22.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across — 20 hdc.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across.

Repeat Row 2 eleven more times. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notes

1 Purse is constructed by crocheting the base, then the sides are stitched in rounds up to the handle openings. To create handle openings, work is divided and proceeds back and forth in rows. Lastly, the wire handles are crocheted onto the body of the purse.

2 To change color, work stitch until 2 lps remain on the hook, yo with new color and complete stitch. To reduce the number of ends and to add strength to the purse, do not cut the old color, but carry it under the stitches of the new color.

PURSE BASE

With A, ch 48.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across; change to B in last st — 47 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across; change to A in last st.

Rows 3 and 4 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across; change to B in last st of Row 4.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn, sc in each hdc across; change to A in last st.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Do not fasten off and do not turn.

SIDES

note Sides are worked in rounds.

Round 1 Working in ends of rows of Purse Base, ch 2 (counts as first hdc), work 6 hdc evenly spaced along short end of base; change to B in last st; continue to change color every 7 sts; working in free lps along opposite side of foundation chain, work 2 hdc in ch at base of first sc, hdc in each rem ch across to last ch, 2 hdc in last ch; working in ends of rows along short end of base, work 7 hdc evenly spaced; working along sc of Row 6, 2 hdc in first sc, hdc in each sc across to last sc, 2 hdc in last sc; join with sl st in top of turning ch — 112 hdc.

Rounds 2-5 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), turn, hdc in each hdc across changing color every 7 sts; join with sl st in turning ch.

Round 6 With A, Ch 1, turn, sc in each hdc around; join with sl st in first sc; change to B in last st.

Round 7 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc; change to A in last st.

Rounds 8 and 9 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in turning ch; change to B in last st of Round 9.

Round 10 Ch 1, turn, sc in each hdc

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch	chain
hdc	half double crochet
lp(s)	loop(s)
rem	remaining
sk	skip
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
yo	yarn over

> To learn about working into the opposite side of a foundation chain, see page 20.

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

This yarn is slippery, so after weaving in the ends, secure them with a bit of fabric glue to prevent unraveling.

preppy
purse

ATTACHING THE HANDLE

After bending craft wire to size, place it in the handle opening in purse. If desired, clip or pin the handle in place to prevent shifting. Then, attach it to the bag by crocheting into the body of the purse and over the wire. The exact placement of the stitches is not important; just be sure to make enough single crochets so that the wire is fully covered.

around; join with sl st in first sc; change to A in last st.

Round 11 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 12 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across changing color every 7 sts; join with sl st in turning ch.

Rounds 13-20 Repeat Rounds 2-9. Fasten off.

handle opening

Find center st of one wide face of bag. Sk next 9 sts after center st. Join B in next st.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc in same st and next 36 sts; change to A in last st; leave rem sts unworked – 37 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across; change to B in last st.

Row 3-7 Ch 2, turn, hdc in first st and change to A; continue changing color every 7 sts; hdc in each st across. Fasten off.

Repeat on other side of the bag leaving 19 sts unworked for each handle opening.

vertical lines

note Start each vertical line at top edge of bag and work down side of bag, across base, and up other side of bag.

Keeping yarn on wrong side of work, join B by bringing up a lp at top of any A colored block in the 2nd hdc of block; *sl st over the top of the crochet fabric as follows: insert hook into base of st from right side to wrong side, yo, draw lp to right side of purse and through lp on hook; repeat from * down the side of the purse, across the base, and back up the other side.

Make vertical lines starting at the 2nd and 6th hdc of each A colored block. Fasten off.

HANDLE (make 2)

Bend craft wire into 3½" x 3½"/9 x 9cm square. Wrap

wire 3 times. Fasten off and secure wire with a small piece of electrical tape. Position handle within opening in purse. From right side, join B along right edge of one handle opening.
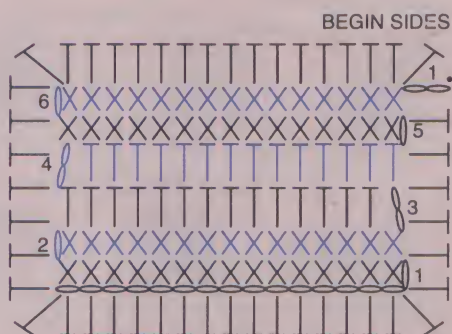
attach handle to bag

Working in ends of row, work sc over the handle and evenly spaced down side of handle opening; continue working sc over the handle and in each st across lower edge of handle opening; working in ends of rows, work sc over the handle and evenly spaced up left side of handle opening; continue working sc over the handle until wire is completely covered; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat for second handle on opposite side of bag. (See photo).
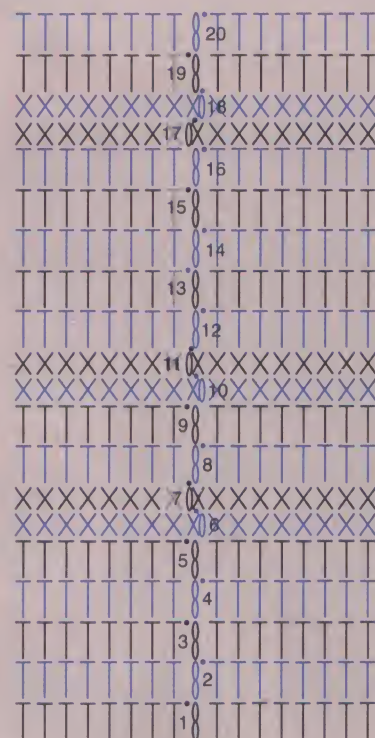
finishing

Weave in all ends.

lining (optional)

Cut lining into three pieces; two gussets (approx 7½" x 2"/19 x 5cm), and one body (approx 11" x 16½"/28 x 42cm). Fold long edge of body piece around 3 sides of gussets and pin gussets to edges of body piece. Sew seams. Place liner in bag and cut out handle openings. Fold top edges of lining down and sew to top of bag. Attach snap (optional). ■

BEGIN SIDES

reduced sample of base

sides